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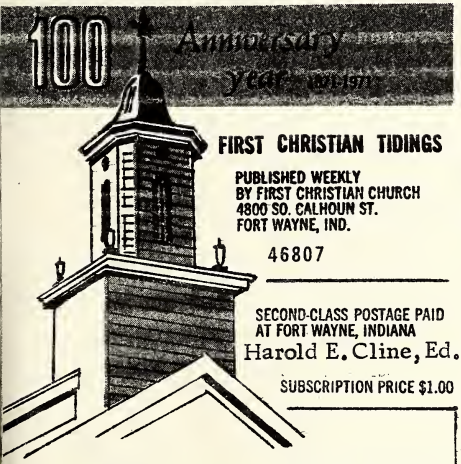

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, January 7
6:30 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, January 8
2:00 Dickey-Wilhelm Wedding
Sunday, January 9
9:00 A.M. Church School
9:00 A.M. Discipleship Class
10:30 Morning Worship
Sermon: "THE SECOND REPORT"
5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Total Family
Monday, January 10
1:30 P.M. Prayer-study Group
7:00 P.M. Pantry Committee
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
Tuesday, January 11
7:30 P.M. Stewardship Com. & Trustees
Wednesday, January 12
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group
Thursday, January 13
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Outreach & Christian Ed.

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Kepple Group still have fruit cakes available.

NEW SUNDAY EVENING SERIES BEGINS:

After a two week break with family and friends, our Sunday evening program with a graded group for all age levels resumes.

The adults will do a Bible Study thru a presentation, total group discussion, and small group encounter based on the letter to the Philippians. This Book will be used to accentuate the theme, "THE JOYOUS LIFE" This is a participation Bible Study for the two hours - 5:00 to 7:00 on Sunday evening through January. The first two weeks of February will focus on "IN THE BEGINNING" Based on Genesis 1, 2, 3. Dr. Harold Cline will be leading the adult study.

CYF for high schoolers and CHI RHO for Junior Hi youth also meet from 5:00 to 7:00. These youth compose our Youth Choir for rehearsal during the last 30 minutes each week.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES is an active group for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. They begin as the Children's Choir for rehearsal and then have their study - action - worship program.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR is designed for the younger children with a monthly rotating staff.

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PREPARE FOR SUNDAY'S SERMON ..

Read and ponder Luke 5: 1-11. What does this story of Jesus and the fisherman say to us today? What is Jesus asking us to do? May the word take shape and form and life in us today!

KEEP EYES OPEN

Word has been received that the January 23rd issue of the Christian will have something of interest for us.

Officers Serving January 9

ELDERS: William Caldwell and Hendricks Love

DEACONS:

Ronald Aker — Thomas Frappier
Dennis Andrew — John F. Hechler
Larry Barnes — Leon Johns
Marvin Crouse

DEACONESSES: January 9, 16, 23

Mrs. Robert Ogles, Miss Debra Allen

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PERSONAL MENTION

DEATH OF MEMBER:

Mrs. Abbie Shockney died on 1/1/72 and services were Tuesday at 1:30 in the church. Sympathy is extended to the daughter, Margaret Ellen Hunt, and to the son, Rev. James Shockney of Atlanta, Illinois, and families.

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: Mrs. Edna Campbell, a member, in room # 709

Parkview: Mrs. Ella Maxwell, a member, in room # 421

V.A.: Mr. Vernon Burns, father of Belva Burkett and Joan Penny, continuing in # 931

Lutheran: Mrs. Della Scott, the mother of Mrs. Doris Richard continues in M-102. Mrs. Emma White, the mother of Mrs. Alice Nulf, is in #671

LaGrange County Hospital: Mr. Floyd Boschet had surgery last Thursday and is in room 103-B. His address is: R.R. 1, Rome City, Indiana 46784, or the hospital.

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PANTRY COMMITTEE ..

This committee will meet this Monday , January 10, at 7:00 P.M. Several members of the staff of the Welfare department will be meeting with us.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Laura Lazzaro, the older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lazzaro, 4701 South Wayne Avenue, made her confession of faith and was baptized during Sunday morning worship. Laura is a Fifth Grader at Harrison Hill Elementary School, a girl scout, and sings in both school and church choirs. We rejoice in this commitment of life expressed by Laura.

DECEMBER AVERAGES:

Church Worship	322
Church School	143
Church Budget Giving	$ 1,902.22

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR SIX MONTHS:

Projected Budget needs	$39,875.00
Actual Giving - 6 Mo.	39,833.27
Six months Deficit	$ 41.73

CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR OTHERS:

$775 was given for this special world outreach support! Thanks to all who shared in this.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma Ave. Monday, January 10 at 7:30 P.M. Program by Miss Mildred Hutchinson

The Montgomery Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Yentes, 3301 Sandpoint Rd., Tuesday, January 11, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Edwin Hall; Worship by Mrs. Robert Rayl.

The Gamboe Group will meet Tuesday January 11, at 1:00 P.M.

The Nelson Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Johnson, 350 Arcadia Ct., Wednesday, January 12, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Merle Grimm, Worship by Mrs. Helen Clymore

SUMMARY REPORT OF OUR COMBINED CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL

Total Amount Committed over 3 years	$ 64,396.40
Number of Commitments	136
Cash paid to date - 12/31/71	12,007.65

WE APPRECIATE THE OVER-AND-ABOVE COMMITMENTS RECEIVED FROM:

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Aker, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Andrew, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Banet, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. M. Bixenman, Mr. & Mrs Walter Bowen, Mr. & Mrs. Bethel Breeden, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Brickley, Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman, Mr. & Mrs. T. E. Bryan, Mrs. C. E. Buskirk, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Church, Mr. & Mrs. Rex Clifton, Dr. & Mrs. Harold Cline, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mrs. Helen Clymore, Andrew Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Romane Cole, Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Mrs. Maurice Cook, Marvin Crouse, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder.

Mrs. Charles E. Dare, Mr. & Mrs. George Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. DeVinney, Mrs. Chas. Dilts, M. W. Driver, Mrs. Charles Eckert, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth L. Edwards, Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Mr. & Mrs. Max Finkhousen, Miss Anita Fitch, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Flickinger, Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Franklin, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Frappier, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Fusselman, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Gerow, Wendell Glass, Mr. & Mrs. David Griggs, Mr. & Mrs. Merle Grimm, Mr. & Mrs. Omer Guingrich, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Gumpp.

Miss Mildred Hartman, Mr. & Mrs. James Heavin, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. & Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hetrick, Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. James Hirschy, Mr. & Mrs. David Hogg, Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Horn, Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Houk, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hunt, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mrs. Frederick Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mrs. Kenneth Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Johns, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Keebortz, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Keller, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kenline, Miss Linda King, Mr. & Mrs. Terry King, Mr. & Mrs. James Kirsch, Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Klepfer, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Koehlinger,

Mrs. Carole Lee, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Lheman, Mr. & Mrs. Bert Leversee, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Linn, Mr. & Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Love, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Mr. & Mrs. Orie McDougle, Mrs. Laura Marks, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon M Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Don Morgan, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Mr. August Mueller, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Nordblom, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ogles, Mr. & Mrs. John Olson, Miss Carole Overmyer, Mrs. Delores Overmyer, Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. Eunice Parker, Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Mr. & Mrs. Don Parlette, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Petty, Mrs. Mary Piatt, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Plummer, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Pomeroy.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Rice, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Richard, Mrs. Alretia Richwine,

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Mr. & Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Dr. & Mrs. James Ruble, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sauerwein, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Schell, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Schilling, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smell, Arza Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Stevenson, Mrs. E.C. Tatman, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Taylor, Mrs. Elna Taylor, John R. Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Truby, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Urich, Mr. & Mrs. David Vesey, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. & Mrs. Dempsey Weaver, Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Weicker, Mrs. Lucile Welch, Mrs. Paul Whitton, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wortley, Mrs. Thomas Wunderlich, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Yentes, Miss Ruth Yost, Delmas Young.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

A new class is being added to those already in existance in our Church School. The class is for young couples, the total of whose ages do not exceed 70. This will meet in the middle section of Fellowship Hall. Ruby (Mrs. Harold) Cline will be the teacher. The class is at 9 a.m. this Sunday, January 9. The class will study, "A LIFE FULL OF SURPRISES". by Lloyd Ogilvie as a beginning text. This book is a real guide to renewal in the life of "luke warm" Christians. Interested couples are invited to come this Sunday morning!

YOUTH NOTES

All of our Youth groups will meet at 5:00 this Sunday, as an integral part of the Sunday Evening Family Study Program. The Junior Disciples will have choir rehearsal at 5:00 -5:30, their meeting following. CYF will begin preparations for their Bible Study series. Each CYFer is asked to bring verses which he would suggest we consider in subsequent sessions. Chi Rho will analyze posed socio-statues. (You don't know what they are? Come and see!) These two groups will have choir rehearsal from 6:30 to 7:00.

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A small group of CYFers (officers plus two representatives) will go to a joint meeting with a similar group from North Christian and West Creighton to make final plans for the Midwinter Youth Meet at Elkhart on January 22 & 23. This planning meeting will be at the home of the North Christian sponsors this Sunday at 5. We will return for choir.

PRAYER GROUPS

All three Prayer-Study groups are resuming meeting regularly after the holidays. The morning group has changed to Monday mornings from Wednesday and met this past Monday and will meet again January 17. The afternoon group will meet next Monday, January 10, at 1:30, with Marilyn Rayl leading the study. The evening group will meet on Monday evening, January 17, at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Ron and Judy Aker, 6226 Covington Rd., with Judy Aker leading the study. This group also enjoyed a New Year's dinner together at the home of Bob and Natalie Urich. Any interested person is welcome to any of these groups.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES

This group will begin to make props for the story of Moses, and cast characters. All members will have a part in these ventures.

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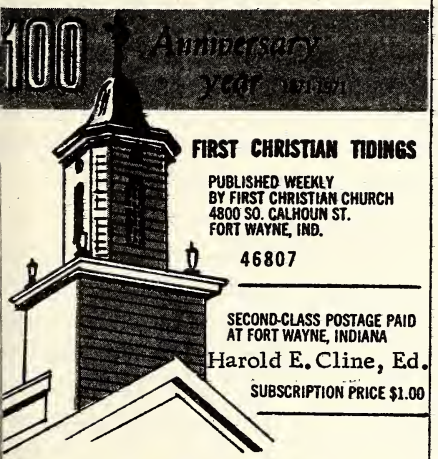

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CHURCH CALENDAR

nday, January 16
00 A.M. Church School
00 A.M. Discipleship Class
:30 A.M. Morning Worship
rmon: "FINDING HIS STRENGTH"
Mark 2: 1-12
0 to 7:00 P.M. Total Family
nday, January 17
00 A.M. Prayer-group
0 P.M. Evangelism
esday, January 18
0 P.M. CWF General Meeting
0 P.M. Elders Meeting
dnesday, January 19
0 P.M. Christian Unity Meeting
Simpson United Methodist Church
ursday, January 20
5 P.M. Christian Education
0 P.M. Special Committee - Elders, Christian Education and Worship
0 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The entire Fort Wayne Christian community is cooperating in the planning and leading of five services observing The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

7:30 P.M. Wednesday, January 19
Simpson United Methodist Church
2501 S. Harrison Street

The St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Choir will sing under the direction of Walter E. Boruh. The Sermon will be a dialogue between Greg Richie and Harold Cline moderated by Gerald Jones. Other pastors participating include Ellwood K. Smith, Alec Langford, Raymond Belcher, Marvin Deerhake, and Father Nedelkoff.

7:30 P.M. Tuesday, January 25
St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church
4500 S. Fairfield Ave.

Our neighboring church sent a warm letter of invitation for this special observance.

Other Services include:

7:30 P.M. Thursday, January 20
North Highlands Church of Christ
1414 Archer Avenue

12:00 Noon, Friday, January 21
First Presbyterian Church
300 W. Wayne Street

7:30 P.M. Monday, January 24
Union Baptist Church
2200 Smith Street

Since our church is a part of a movement toward church unity, we ought to share in this prayer for unity. Thomas Campbell wrote as follows in 1809:"The Church of Christ upon earth is essentially

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Officers Serving January 16

ELDERS: Floyd Morrical and Cecil Rice

DEACONS:

Steve Bruckman — E. M. O'Laughlin
Walter Keebortz — Robert Petty
Charles Ludwig — Delmas Young
Arthur Mowery

DEACONESSES: January 16, 23
Mrs. Robert Ogles, Debra Allen

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

LUTHERAN: Mrs. Della Scott continues in M-102; Mr. Gary Burkhardt, and Mrs. Dolly Broom in 621.

V.A. HOSPITAL: Mr. Vernon Burns, the father of Mrs. Joan Penny, & Mrs. Belva Burkett.

TO NURSING HOME: Mrs. Ella Maxwell has entered the Golden Years Homestead, 8300 Maysville Rd. 46805

WEDDING: Dan Alan Dickey and Jolene Marie Wilhelm on 1/8/72. They are residing at 200 N. Oakwood, Apt 303, Muncie, Indiana 47304.

OMISSION REGRETTED:

Our Combined Centennial and Indiana Appeal ended with a total of 141 commitments totalling $64,536.40. We regret that the following names were accidently omitted last week in the listing of those making a commitment: Miss Nancy Woodhull, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Auer, Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Gerrard, Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Flowers.

THANKS: Sincere thanks is expressed by Mrs. Ellen Buchanan to all friends in the church for the gifts and cards she received at Christmas.

PLEASE NOTE: It is respectfully requested that our members do not use gummed or sticky tape of any kind to seal offering envelopes. Thank you!

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

Mrs. Dorothy Ikenberry, 726 W. Willowood Avenue, transferred her membership to our congregation from Peace Lutheran on Sunday morning. She was originally from the Main St. Christian Church in Rushville, Indiana, and later at First Christian in Witchita, Kansas. Mrs. Ikenberry is a widow and is in charge of Arts and Crafts in the therapy program of Lutheran Hospital.

PANTRY TO OPEN

Officially our "Pantry", a program to help those in need is open. We have already helped three families at Christmas and will be giving aid to others referred to us by our members or by the welfare department. Your donations continue to be needed. At present, the pressing need is for children's clothing, larger sized women's clothing, and for non-perishable grocery items. Particularly, it has been pointed out to us that paper and soap products are in real demand, since these cannot be purchased with food stamps. Any gifts will be appreciated and should be placed in Fellowship Hall or the new adult class room next to Fellowship Hall.

CHI RHO PARENTS MEETING

There will be a brief meeting of all parents of Chi Rho (Junior High) youth in the Chapel this Sunday, January 16, at 4:30 P.M., before the regular Chi Rho meeting. We covet your attendance.

PAPER DRIVE

The next paper drive sponsored by our Chi Rho will be on Saturday, January 22. Paper may be brought to Fellowship Hall anytime before the 22nd.

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REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 1972

Andy Cook made the final report of the Combined Centennial and Indiana Appeal for a Response in Faith, as follows:

140 Commitments totalling $64,536.40

Cash received by December 31, 1971 - $12,007.65

Appreciation and joy were expressed for this achievement!

The Evangelism - Membership Committee reported that beginning in February THE SECRET PLACE would be mailed to our homebound members and POWER to our college youth and service persons away from the community.

The World Outreach department reported the Christmas offering totalling $775 of which $215 was from the Christmas Card Tree and $560 from envelopes and Church School giving.

A motion originating in the Church Cabinet authorized the Helping Hand Fund be supported by the church treasury whenever the balance went below $200. This fund is for personal help in time of need and is administered through the pastor to families of our congregation or others recommended by our people. This is gift help rather than a loan.

THE C.W.F. announced the Blanket Drive for February and an All-church Dinner and Program for February 15.

Time was spent in writing and hearing one another's attempt to write the purpose of our congregation. Several needs were suggested including concern for unchurched youth, providing place and program for aged, reaching others, renewal of our own faith, calling on inactive members, emphasis on outside - "Out of My Heart", and becoming and sensing our being a church family.

Present were: George Bruckman, Ralph Church, Andy Cook, Bert Leversee, William Caldwell, Don Smith, Kenneth Edwards, William Crouse, David Griggs, Ted Bryan, Ben Taylor, Robert Rayl, Hendricks Love, Walter Keebortz, Max Finkhousen, Ron Aker, Merle Grimm, Lois Finkhousen, Nancy Wortley, Judy Akers, Mary Love, Margaret Love, Virginia Bruckman, Sue Ludwig, Charles Ludwig, Edna Vaught, Walter Birkhold, Steve Bruckman, Debbie Allen, Mariam Bixenman, Harold Cline, Robert Hendricks, Harold Crowder, Hugh Rice, Merle Rice,

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"In our search for ultimate purpose - the kind that overarches all lesser objectives - let us look to Jesus Christ himself for guidance. Referring to his own principal goal, He said, "I have come in order that they might have life, life in all its fulness" (John 10:10, TEV). In other words, what God intends for all His people is an expansive kind of life; a life of great value; Life with a capital L."

Bruce Larson in THE EMERGING CHURCH

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intentionally, and constitutionally one, consisting of all those in every place that profess their faith in Christ and obedience to Him in all things according to the scriptures, and that manifest the same by their tempers and conduct and of none else, as none else can be truly and properly called Christians."

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

Will be held in the Church Parlor on Tuesday, January 18 at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Bixenman and Mrs. Wm. Love, are in charge of the program. Dr. Cline will be speaking on the subject: "CWF and Renewal".

LAY WITNESS MISSION:

Mrs. Ruby Cline is participating on the guest team of a Lay Witness Mission this weekend in the Richland Reformed Church of America in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd will interpret this program for the Evangelism Committee next Monday the 17th at 7:30 P.M.

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For pick up call Bob Urich, 748-7709 Steve Bruckman, 485-0168, or the church office, 744-3239.

YOUTH NOTES

Junior Choir will continue to rehearse from 5 to 5:30 each Sunday evening and the Youth Choir will rehearse from 6:30 to 7:00.

Both CYF and Chi Rho will meet in their separate groups at 5:00 this Sunday. Chi Rho will make collages and discuss the topic "How Am I Connected?" CYF will continue their Bible centered discussion.

CYFers are reminded to bring their $4.50 registration to Mrs. Bixenman for the Midwinter Youth Meet at Elkhart, January 22 & 23. Registrations must be in this Sunday.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES:

After Children's Choir from 5:00 to 5:30, the focus is on Noah. In studying the story of Noah, be prepared to tell it as it might happen today, rather than when it did happen. The making of props will continue.

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FROM THE PASTOR:

May I share two concerns with you.

(1) Some have been concerned that the new class which started for those in twenties and early thirties last Sunday was only for couples. It is not just for married couples even though these might predominate. We invited many singles and divorced men and women to join in this group. Singles and couples from about 22 to 35 are invited!

(2) Incidents from the life of Jesus and understanding and relating to him is a very central theme in worship from now through Easter. Read the texts announced for sermons and other parts of the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Jesus stands at the center of our faith - He is the Gospel!

See you Sunday!

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& Mrs. Ralph E. Church
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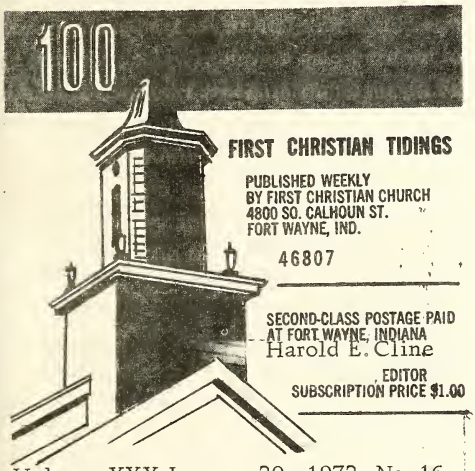

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 23
9:00 A.M. Church School
9:00 A.M. Discipleship Class
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "FREE TO LOVE" Luke 7:36-50
5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Total Family

Monday, January 24
6:30 P.M. Associated Churches Annual Meeting. Calvary United Methodist.
1:30 P.M. Prayer-Study Group

Tuesday, January 25
9:30 A.M. Pantry Committee
7:30 P.M. Church Cabinet meeting
7:30 P.M. Prayer for Christian Unity at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Wednesday, January 26
7:00 P.M. Woman's Day rehearsal

Thursday, January 27
7:30 P.M. Special Committee
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THIS SUNDAY - 11:45 A.M. in church parlor - Christian Education and World Outreach Committees.

THE CHURCH EXISTS FOR OTHERS

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote from a German prison before his martyrdom during World War II. "The Church is her true self only when she exists for humanity."

The church must enable all members to serve others in the daily pursuits of life. It also serves to link people with opportunities to reach out in love and service. As we list some who are now serving, we would welcome the inquiries and offers of others in service.

DELIVERY OF HOMEBOUND MEALS: Betty Grimm, Kathlyn Banet, Miriam Bixenman, Margaret Love, Val Taylor Charlene Craig, Frances Eckert, and Virginia Bruckman.

CHANGE THROUGH INVOLVEMENT: Family to Family Program- Mr. & Mrs. Merle Grimm, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Aker. Mother to Mother Program - Peggy Buskirk, Helen Clymore, Miriam Bixenman

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP: Peggy Buskirk and Miriam Bixenman

READING FOR THE BLIND: Edna Vaught and Margaret Love

THE PANTRY is a new project emerging between our church and the Welfare department. We are srockpiling clothing and food for needy distribution. Much of this will be on direct referrals from the welfare department of known needs. It deserves our help in supplying food and clothing.

The concern for church professional leadership enlisted and educated will be coming for Church Board action in February. The World Outreach and Education committees are meeting following worship this Sunday to finalize this program which seeks to serve the larger church and enable it to serve mankind.

Officers Serving January 23

ELDERS: Donald Smith and
Kenneth Edwards

DEACONS:

Herbert Banet — Jack Sauerwein
Robert Hendricks — Homer Stevenson
Orie McDougle — Dempsey Weaver
Donald Pomeroy

DEACONESSES: January 23

Mrs. Robert Ogles, Debra Allen

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IN HOSPITALS:

Mr. Vernon Burns continues in 932 in the V.A. Hospital.

LUTHERAN - 332 - Mr. Robert Clipp who had a minor stroke last week; M215 - Mr. John Olson; M102- Mrs. Della Scott; and 129- Mr. Gary Burkhardt.

THANKS:

To Mrs. Jeanne Gerow and the Brummel CWF Group and to Karen Flickinger for the new carpets in the Nurseries. These help the children!

SYMPATHY is extended to Mr. David Kriescher in the death of his father out of town.

PERSONAL EDITORIAL: Howard Short wrote a very warm and interesting editorial page in the January 23rd issue of our national weekly, THE CHRISTIAN. This centered on his visit and his interprepation of our Centennial celebration Thanks, Howard.

APOLOGY: We apologize to our members for the cold Worship Nave last Sunday morning. The trouble has been corrected and we do not anticipate a recurrance of the trouble.
See you next Sunday!

SING OUT - Our fifth Sunday, January 30, will feature another Sing Out from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Come, join us for a musical evening.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE . .

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is sponsoring a paper drive this Saturday, January 22. Papers must be at the church before 9:00 on Saturday, or may be brought anytime this week. If you need pick up, call Steve Bruckman 485-0168, Bob Urich 748-7709, or Val Taylor, 447-2860, or the church office before Thursday evening. All donations will be appreciated.

YOUTH NOTES . . .

CYFers planning to go to the Midwinter Youth Meet in Elkhart this Saturday and Sunday, January 22 & 23, should be at the church, ready to leave, by 7:45 am on Saturday morning. Bring sleeping bag pillow, towels, etc. There will be no regular CYF meeting next Sunday night.

Chi Rhoers are to be at the church by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 22; to help with the paper drive. We will meet as usual on Sunday at 5:00, and will see a film on the Fort Wayne City Rescue Mission. The following week we will visit the Mission.

Junior Disciples will record and study Play of Noah. Each one bring a large bag of confetti.

THE PANTRY NEEDS:

Oatmeal
Cereals
Canned Meat
Macaroni Products

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, January 19-25.

Jan. 19, 7:30 P.M. Simpson United Methodist Church.
Jan. 20 -No. Highlands Church of Christ
Jan. 21, luncheon, First Presbyterian
Jan. 24, Union Baptist Church
Jan. 25. St. John the Baptist Catholic Ch.

WOULD YOU HELP US TO COMPOSE A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR OUR CONGREGATION?

Near the end of our Centennial Book was a page entitled, "A LOOK TO THE FUTURE". This page was approved in the November Church Board meeting. It calls for the writing of a congregational statement of purpose and the development of goals for the coming 5 years during 1972.

The purpose was to be a statement which would give due emphasis to congregational care, outreach and evangelism, and witness and mission. "If the program of a congregation is to be biblically sound, internally consistent, and relevant to the contemporary situation, it must be based on a balanced definition of purpose."

Scriptures to consider include Matthew 28: 18-20; Matthew 25: 25-40; I Corinthians 11: 26; Luke 4: 18, 19; Ephesians 4: 1-16; I Peter 2: 1-10; John 10:10; Acts 2: 42; John 13, 34, 35.

Would you consider taking time and thought to write out a statement of purpose for our congregation. Use the page of the Centennial book and these Scriptures and the following attempts. We invite any member or friend to write a statement to help us come to one which can eventually be adopted by our church board and congregation.

To help those in the church and community to find the love of Christ in their every day lives. To bring others into the church. To spread the word through the living of Christian lives and helping others.

1. To educate the members, particularly the youth, in terms of historic Christian events and present Christian values. 2. To inspire and assist all who come in contact with the church to live better, happier, and more abundant lives. 3) To be a social institution that stands for that which is good and worthy in the world. 4. To give assistance to those in need - physical, philosophical, emotional, spiritual. 5. To have a missionary sense of responsibility to carry the message of Christ to those who need to hear it.

-- Our purpose is to aid the people in this community, to become acquainted with Jesus' love and saving grace thru preaching and thru acts of love and concern by all of us, to show a concern for peoples' spiritual and basic physical needs.

-- To bring the Gospel to the members of this church and others that we can reach and be of service to all mankind.

-- The main purpose of the Church is worship of God and service to man both here and around the world. If God is love, let's show we are Christians by letting our love show.

-- To proclaim the Good News to our community that God loves and cares for for all of us. This love was exemplified in the giving of Christ to redeem us

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from death and sin. As a corporate body we may then express this love through worship, participation in community needs, and extending our hand in love to all those who need our help.

-- The purpose of First Christian Church: 1, To become a true family open and receptive to the needs and desires of each other, treating one another always with love and understanding whether or not we like the other's action. 2, To continuously be alert to the needs of those outside our midst, with a real desire to bring them the Good News that Jesus is the Christ and earnestly striving to spread the News throughout the world. 3. To show a willingness and desire to stand up and be counted , exemplifying the love of God in our life as well as in the words we say.

-- To serve our congregation and community; Provide Christian leadership, and example; Educate in Christian principles; Extend the fellowship and compassion of Christ's example.

-- Our church exists as a group of people to the job of loving - caring for helping one another find meaningful-fruitful purpose in life. Organizing to help others in our community and in other parts of the world to find hope and love and useful goals in life and to lead those who have not found Christ as their Savior as a saving eternal companion.

-- Purpose of First Christian 1. Evangelize and bring others to Christ -- repentance, confession and baptism. 2. Develop Christian virtues and emotions in present Christians. 3. Give attention to all people in need of food, clothing, shelter, or help by friendliness and uplift.

-- To know the living God and to communicate to others that knowledge.

-- Purpose - To develop among the people of the community harmony and unity of purpose through action (verbal and example) and compassion based on the doctrine and desire of Jesus Christ. This concern must extend beyond the community proper to include the necessities of mankind.

-- A church is a fellowship of worshippers of God in Jesus Christ, a fellowship of would-be Christians growing and seeking the unChristian, a fellowship thru whom the love of Christ is manifest to all about it.

-- The church should minister to its members with special emphasis on its youth. The church should reach into the community and assist in understanding all people and their problems, goals, and wishes; More of the church's resources (time, talent and money) should be expended with young and underprivileged of Fort Wayne.

-- To enable persons to so live in Christ that they find meaning and satisfaction for their own lives; develope a contagious impact on others, and perpetuate a growing love and truth to all persons and groups of persons both in the community and in the world.

Would you ponder and think - Write your suggested statement of purpose for First Christian Church. Submit it to the church office, the pastor, or the church board chairman. Your help is desired!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 30
9:00 A.M. Church School
9:00 A.M. Discipleship Class
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Sermon: "WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?"
Text: John 6: 1-14; Exodus 4:2
5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Total Family
7:15 to 8:15 P.M. Sing-Out
Monday, January 31
10:00 A.M. Prayer-Group
7:30 P.M. Prayer Group
Tuesday, February 1
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group
Wednesday, February 2
7:30 P.M. Information Services
7:45 P.M. Higdon Group
Thursday, February 3
7:00 P.M. Woman's Day rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

A JOYOUS "SING-OUT" ON SUNDAY EVENING.

From 7:15 to 8:15 this coming Sunday evening, we will have our second Fifth Sunday Evening Sing-Out. Over 125 persons shared in the first last Oct. Come and join in singing as we have a variety of religious song.

Don Parlette accompanied by Vee on the piano, will lead our Gospel Singing. Sara Davis will lead some a capella spirituals and choruses. Steve Hall will sing and play on the guitar an original song which he has written.

Natalie Urich will lead some contemporary songs accompanied by Steve Bruckman on the accordian for some and by Steve Hall on the guitar for others.

The closing section will be hymns of the church with Don Parlette leading, Vee Parlette playing the piano, and Jerry Zimmerman playing the organ. The final number will feature Don Parlette also on the trumpet.

Singing can be a joy and a thrill in the church. Our Sing-Outs are designed to help us enjoy and grow in our appreciation of our church music. A wide variety is being used so that all may find familiar and preferred songs. Come and bring a carload to "SING PRAISES TO THE LORD".

GODSPEED ON YOUR WAY:

Our minister of Education, Miriam E. Bixenman, is leaving Friday for the Disciples' Educator's annual conclave at Arrowhead Lodge, Lake Eufala, Canadian, Oklahoma. She leaves this Friday and will return on the 5th of Feb.

Officers Serving January 30

ELDERS: Ben Taylor, Eugene Klepfer

DEACONS:

Ronald Aker
Dennis Andrew
Larry Barnes
Marvin Crouse
Thomas Frappier
John Hechler
Leon Johns

DEACONESSES: Jan. 30; Feb. 6, 13

Mrs. Rolland Ripple,
Mrs. Robert Hendricks

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran M-102, Mrs. Della Scott

Parkview: 317, Mrs. Nellie Roe
338 Mr. Elmore Schlatter

Mrs. Dolly Broom is recuperating with an aunt in New Haven since her release from the hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:
To Merle and Bea Rice, a son, Jonathan Hugh, on 1/19/72.

George Wascovich is staying in Atlanta While here in November, Brother Geo. was in the throes of much uncertainty concerning his future pastorate. He has sent word of his decision to remain with First Christian in Atlanta, who is now planning for a relocation.

NEW STATE MINISTER: Gilford E. Olmstead, will be come the Executive Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana on April 15th. We rejoice in this new leadership for our state. He has served in a similar capacity in Kansas. Last May, Ruby Cline shared as a guest leader to introduce Lay-Witness Missions to our Kansas churches in a statewide program in which Rev. Olmstead shared.

YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse in a special rehearsal on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:15 . Be sure to be here!

ELDERS RETREAT COMING SOON:

Our elders are invited for the day of February 12. The group will assemble on our parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and leave for Decatur. We will arrive back at 5:00 P.M. Our sessions will be held in the First Christian Church in Decatur. All elders are asked to secure his copy of "A LIFE FULL OF SURPRISES" by Lloyd Oglivie from Dr. Cline so that it may be read as background for this day of encounter and sharing. This is a must day for elders currently serving and also any who might happen to be off on rotation.

SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM:

The Bible Study on Sunday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 is open for all college age and all adults. Some had the impression it was only for families with children in the evening program. This is wrong. It is an open Bible Study for any interested participants. This Sunday night, the four week series on the book of Philippians will conclude. Genesis 1, 2, and 3 will be the text for consideration of basic human questions on February 6 and 13. Dr. Cline is leading the present adult study group on each Sunday evening. The time parallels our children's and youth choirs and fellowship groups so that families do not need to make extra trips to our church building. But the STUDY is open to all adults!

CHI RHO thanks all who donated papers for the drive this past week end. They sold almost two tons of paper. The next paper drive will be in late April or early May.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES will practice the filming of the study of Noah. Remember to bring your costume.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS SERIES:

The senior Pastor will inaugerate this class on Saturday, February 19. The series will continue for eight Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 each morning through April 8.

These classes are designed for sixth, seventh and eighth graders although fifth graders may participate by special request. This is a 16 hour block of educational learning as background for the basic Christian decision and commitment. The classes do not automatically run to a Decision Day, but rather each person is encouraged to come to his own personal decision and expression according to his own inclinations. The classes are felt important though as preparational for youth pondering public confession of faith and Christian baptism

If there are questions or if youth desires to enroll, contact Dr. Cline.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Frederick Jenkins, 4400 Plaza, Tuesday February 1, at 9 A.M. Program by Mrs. Jenkins, Worship by Mrs. Stanley Cole.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs Ethel Richhart, 835 W. Wayne, Wednesday, February 2, at 7 30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Irene Cline, Worship by Mrs. Paul Truby.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3405 Central, Wednesday, February 2, at 9 A.M. Program by Mrs. H. G. Helmuth, Worship by Mrs. Cecil Rice.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Eckert, 8619 Decatur Rd. Tuesday, February 1, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Kenneth Hunt; Worship by Mrs. Paul Yentes.

YOUTH NOTES

All of our Youth groups will meet this Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00 as a regular part of the total family program. Choir for the Junior group will be from 5:00 to 5:30 with their regular meeting following. The other two groups will have choir from 6:30 to 7:00 with a part of this rehearsal being spent in last minute preparations for the Sing-Out to follow. The Chi Rho group will be visiting the Fort Wayne City Rescue Mission during the 5:00 to 6:30 period.

CYFers attending the youth meet in Elkhart last weekend included: Julie Crouse, Jim Taylor, Pam Meadows, John Williams III, Debbie Allen, Sally Cline, Scott Rayl, Debbie Nordblom, Barbara Taylor; Julie is presently the president of District I. and Pam is recording secretary. Several others of our youth were nominated for offices for the coming year. Walter Keebortz and Miriam Bixenman accompanied the youth.

PRAYER GROUPS

Although Mrs. Bixenman will be at Arrowhead Lodge, Oklahoma, from Jan. 30-Feb. 4, attending the annual meeting of the Association of Christian Church educators (and hopefully gaining enough inspiration to last another year) the Prayer Groups will continue on a regular schedule. The Morning Group will meet at the home of Peg Buskirk, 4430 Wilmette, on Monday morning, Jan. 31, with Lois Finkhousen as study leader. The meeting is at 10:00 a.m. The evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 31, at the home of Larry and Sherri Barnes, 1547 Knox „New Haven. Ben Taylor will be the study leader. The afternoon group will meet on Monday, February 7, at 1:30 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR:

The church is composed of persons who find the essence of life and relationship in and through Jesus Christ. As persons surrendered to Christ so that he might live in and through human personality, we are never perfect. Yet, the world sorely needs the light of Christ to flow through each person who claims him as Lord and Savior.

The reality of letting Christ live through us is a major concern in the following look at records. This gives us an honest appraisal which can become the basis of both personal and corporate action.

The following statistics are taken from an analysis of our worship attendance of members of our church as taken from the weekly attendance pads between July 1, 1971 and December 31, 1971.

752 Households represented in Membership

27 households (4%) and 41 persons considered homebound

251 households (33%) with a total individual number of 589 represented in our worship one or more Sundays in six months.

474 households (63%) never in worship for six months.

During the same six-month period, we had 27 prospect families in our worship four or more times with a total number of 70 persons.

Thank God for those who do participate and keep the church a vital force in the world! The potential of impact which the church could have if every member would be faithful in participation and responsibilities is tremendous. Let's work toward this potential!

For thosewho have moved elsewhere, I am concerned that you identify and become active in a church somewhere. I consider it an ill-reflection upon my church when a Christian moves to a new community and holds to a "dead" membership back home rather than moving out into meaningful Christian experience in the new community.

Remember - God loves you. God loves each one in your household. Are you receiving His love? Do you reflect that love in action and worship?

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CHURCH CALENDAR

nday, February 6
00 A.M. Church School
00 A.M. Discipleship Class
:30 A.M. Morning Worship
WOMAN'S DAY
eme: "A Time to Listen, A Time to Act"
00 to 7:00 P.M. Total Family
onday, February 7
0 P.M. Prayer-study Group
esday, February 8
00 P.M. World Outreach Committee
00 P.M. Church Board meeting
dnesday, February 9
0 P.M. Nelson Group
ursday, February 10
0 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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rship Assistant last Sunday was Tom
net. We appreciate the participation
youth and adults in this active role
hin our worship each week.

Jesus' challenging words, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I tell you?"(Luke 6:46) will serve as a backdrop for the call of the church to mission this Sunday. Our women will lead this service for WOMAN'S DAY. The special highlight will be a choral reading with music entitled "A TIME TO LISTEN - A TIME TO ACT" by Mrs. Lawrence Berg.

All our people need to share in the challenge which the women are putting to us during our worship at 10:30 A.M. this Sunday in word and song. Judy Aker our CWF president will open the service and preside. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will give the sermonette and preside for communion, Our pastor will only be involved with the invitation for Decisions.

Music will add much to the service. In addition to the congregational singing, both the Youth Choir and Chancel Choir will be singing. Charles Newman will sing a solo accompanied by Steve Hall, Sara Davis and Natalie Urich are singing a duet, and Pat Fountain, Steve

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Bruckman, Doris and Margo Parlette, will sing a quartet number. Lead readers for the choral reading include Jackie Bryan, Sharon Morgan, Nila Schilling, Claire Schryver, Nancy Wortley, and Ruth Yentes.

Chorus readers include Judy Aker, Norma Andrew, Judy Church, Ruby Cline, Colyn Crowder, Lois Finkhousen, Sharon Fredericks, Jeanne Gerow, Betty Grimm, Beverly Hendricks, Donna Johnson, Rosemary Krull, Margaret Love, Marilyn Rayl Deanna Ruble, Barbara Schrock, Helen Williams, Val Taylor, Sandra Zimmerman.

For communion, Gwynth Rice and Margaret Love will serve as elders and Sue Allen, Norma Andrew, Judy Church, Lois Finkhousen, Beverly Hendricks, Mary Sue Ludwig, Ruth Ogles, Marilyn Rayl, and Helen Williams as deacons.

Ushers will be Helen Clymore, Marilyn Frappier, Delores Keebortz, and Eunice Parker.

Greeters will be Ethel Birkhold and Dorothy Merriman.

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 330, Mrs. Myrtle DeVinney, and 464, Mr. Charles Dare.

Parkview: 238, Mr. William Aaron, 317 Mrs. Nellie Roe; 338 Mr. Elmore N. Schlatter.

THANKS to our musical leadership who allowed us the privilege and joy of our Sing Out on Sunday night. Many missed an enjoyable evening.

SYMPATHY is extended the family in the death of the grandson of Mr. Garth Vernor, a member.

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DEACONESSES: February 6, 13
Mrs. Rolland Ripple; Mrs. Robt. Hendricks

THREE RESPOND TO INVITATION:

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kattas, 203 W. Pettit, and Mrs. Geneva Ferguson, 1808 St. Joe Blvd., came in transfer of membership last Sunday morning. Ernest and Sadie transferred back from the Parkview Church of Christ; Mrs. Ferguson transferred from Third Christian Church in Indianapolis. Geneva has been widowed for many years. She moved back to Fort Wayne to care for her father who died in the last year.

Ernest is employed by Peter Eckrich and Sons, Inc. His wife is the sister of Dempsey Weaver and is the mother of Thomas Fountain and family of our congregation.

We welcome these to our common bond of discipleship in Jesus Christ! We would encourage others to decisions for Christ and the church!

CHURCH BOARD MEETING:

Two major considerations of the monthly board meeting next Tuesday, the 8th, at 8 P.M. are the Church Vocation Program and the Pantry Program. All board members are needed to share in the discussion and vote on these important issues.

FEBRUARY BLANKET DRIVE:

We are hopeful to receive 35 to 50 blankets to supply Church World Service so that they can respond immediately in disaster areas of the world in the name of Christ. Blankets do not have to be new, but do need to be clean. Baby blankets are also needed. If any do not have blankets on hand, $3 may be donated to purchase one blanket by this church agency. Boxes will be placed at the entrys for the receiving of blankets, Bring them as soon as possible.

YOUTH NOTES

All the Youth groups will be meeting as usual from 5 to 7 p.m. with the Children's Choir and the Youth choir rehearsing as part of the session. CYF will continue their discussion of questions pertaining to their faith, while Chi Rho will be making cookies. Chi Rho ATTENTION: Bring ready to bake cookie dough . It is very important that it be ready to bake! ...these cookies will be taken to shut-ins on Sunday evening, February 13. The Junior Disciples group will spend their evening filming their play, "The Story of Noah" Members are reminded to bring costumes and any assigned props.

THANKS

Our thanks to Helen Clymore , who has been meeting with the children third grade and under on Sunday evenings during January for their story hour and activity time. Peg. Buskirk will be carrying this responsibility during Feb.

WEEK OF COMPASSION ART DISPLAY

Our children's and youth church school classes have been making pictures and posters portraying the work done by our Week of Compassion offering. These pictures and posters will be displayed throughout the Church during the next two weeks. Look them over and learn where your Week of Compassion dollar goes. This special day offering will be received February 20.

COMMUNICATION IN THE CHURCH

A basic problem in most churches (I would doubt that ours in an exception) is communication, both with others and among ourselves. With this in mind, our next leadership education class will be on "Communications in the Church". (Next column)

There will be three sections of this class offered. It will be a ten week course, with groups meeting on Sunday mornings at 8:00; on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30, and on Sunday evenings at 7:15 and on Wednesday, February 16 at 1:30. All sections will meet in Mrs. Bixenman's office!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. Ralph Church, 5126 Werling Dr. Tuesday, February 8 at 1:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Opal Perkins, Worship by Mrs. Mark Snyder.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Jack Sauerwein, 4715 South Wayne Ave., Wednesday, February 9 at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Harold Crowder, Worship by Mrs. Charles Hunt.

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REMINDER TO ELDERS

Make sure that all is in readiness for the Retreat - 8:30 A.M. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 12, This is something that no elder dare miss without great loss! Secure the book from the pastor for preparatory reading NOW!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 5 to 7 ON SUNDAY.

The focus of the Adult Bible Study will move to the early chapters of Genesis. This week the concern is "Life's Deepest Dimension", Genesis 1 and 2. On the 13th, the theme is "Man's Real Problem", Genesis 2 & 3. All are welcome for this study group in the Parlor on Sunday evenings.

NOTE ON WEDDING PLANNING

Dates for weddings on the church calendar are not set until a conference is held by the couple with the pastor. Please come in for a conference before any date is set for a church wedding.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Recently, I have enjoyed some reaction to preaching at the door after worship. In a slip of the tongue the other week, I was called down several times for saying that the Miami Dolphins had defeated the Dallas Cowboys rather than the Baltimore Colts. I stand as one who made a goof. This past Sunday, I was drawing out the personality of Phillip and made a wrong statement concerning him. I wrongfully identified him with an action of Thomas. Thanks for the corrections. Keep me on my toes. It tells me that people are listening!

I am aware of many who have the flu and other illnesses at this time. I recognize that this has affected our worship participation as well as other things in our church life. I would say a word of greeting and encouragement to those who have been cut low by illness. Yet, let's all try hard to be faithful in our participation each Sunday. It would not take too much effort among our people to move up over the 400 mark each Sunday morning in worship. I am convinced that the lives of our members need to be reflecting this kind of worship participation. Whenever you are able, do make the effort to be in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day!

J. B. Phillips in his Chapter, "Christian Maintenance" in NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY make these comments:

"...All this means that a very large part of our Christian maintenance will consist of joining in with the fellowship of the Church, in its prayer and worship, in its work and service. Many people who profess to be Christian are very irregular worshippers. I do not think they can possibly realize how they weaken the cause of the Church and in addition starve themselves of Christian fellowship. ... If our aim is mere morality we may very well be able to do without the Church, but if we are called as sons and daughters of God to cooperate with His high Purpose in the redemption of mankind, we cannot absent ourselves from the fellowship of other Christians without greatly impoverishing both that fellowship and our own souls ....

"Again, if the Church is to make any worthwhile impact on the surrounding community, if it is to speak with a voice worth hearing, it must have the active, committed support of all true Christians. I repeat, I do not think that the many delightful casual Christians whom I know have the slightest idea how they sabotage the power and witness of the Christian fellowship by their haphazard attachment to the Church ...

"This whole question of entering fully into the worship and work of the church must be faced by all those who genuinely desire to serve Ch Christ in this modern age." (pp. 92-94)

I am concerned that First Christian Church become a committed group of disciples. We need to find our family interrelationships as a household of God. The living and faithful witness of all who claim Christ as Lord needs to be expressed in worship and in life.

See you Sunday!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

nday, February 13
00 A.M. Communications Class
00 A.M. Church School
00 A.M. Discipleship Class
:30 A.M. Morning Worship
rmon: "THE STRUGGLE OF DECISION"
o 7 P.M. Study & Fellowship Hour
15 P.M. Communications Class
onday, February 14
:00 A.M. Prayer-study group
30 P.M. Prayer-study Group
30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, in Parlor
esday, February 15
30 P.M. CWF All Church Dinner
ednesday, February 16
30 P.M. Communications Class
30 P.M. World Outreach, Education & Elders meeting - combined.
ursday, February 17
30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
turday, February 19
30 A.M. Church Membership Class

ALL CHURCH DINNER

Fellowship and the challenge of the special ministries of the church at work in Fort Wayne will be a highlight on Tuesday, the 15th, at 6:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the CWF for the entire church. It is NOT for women alone.

For the meal, bring covered dishes and table service. Bring slightly extra to cover guests and their spouses. Drinks will be furnished. Baby sitting will be provided for those under sixth grade.

Persons involved in special areas of ministry in Fort Wayne will form the program panel.

- Rev. Dan Motto, campus minister at I.U. Regional Campus.
- Mrs. Delores Gansler, director of the Change Through Involvement program in which several of our people are already participating.
- Rev. Milford Kent, Head of drug rehabilitation project at the City Rescue Mission.
- Sister Josella, who works out of St. Mary's parish and who is employed full time at the Welfare office.
- Mr. Pat Fulbright, Head of the Young Adult Project.
- Rev. Robert Hess, Pastor, for extablishing a House Church.

Come, and learn how the church is at work here in our community through these programs - several of which we support and/or provide volunteer personnel.

MEET GOD IN WORSHIP SUNDAY:

All are invited to participate in singing, prayer, communion, and fellowship together. The sermon is based on Jesus' temptations, Matthew 4:1-11 with the title, "THE STRUGGLE OF DECISION"

Officers Serving February 13

ELDERS: H. W. Crowder, R. R. Ripple

Alternates: G. R. Bruckman, J. E. Weicker

DEACONS:

Ronald Aker — Thomas Frappier

Dennis Andrew — John Herchler

Larry Barnes — Leon Johns

Marvin Crouse

DEACONESSES: February 13

Mrs. R. R. Ripple, Mrs. R. N. Hendricks

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview Mrs. Nellie Roe had surgery on Monday of this week - 317

Mr. William Aaron, continues in treatment for ulcer - 238

Lutheran:

Mr. Charles Dare was scheduled for second surgery this week - 464

SYMPATHY IN EXTENDED to the family of Mrs. Beulah Hill, a member, who died on February 3. The Pastor conducted services on February 7.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks goes to our women and also the youth and choir participants who lead a very meaningful worship experience last Sunday. Much favorable comment was received from this challenge to listen and to act - May we receive God's love so that we may share this love to a world that cries out for honest expression by the church.

Thanks for the planning, the rehearsing, and the leading of this effective worship experience.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Guild members, PLEASE NOTE: We will meet Monday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church parlor. Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull will be hostess and Mrs. Charles Speicher will present the program.

TWO RESPOND TO INVITATION

Mrs. Mark (Rosemary) Krull, 3466 So. Washington Rd., and Mrs. William (Andrea) Benny, 7710 Newlin Drive responded in transfers of membership.

Both are active in the new Brummell Group of C. W. F.

Rosemary is a graduate of Judson College and worked for the Juvenile Probation department in Indianapolis prior to marriage. Her husband is a salesman for General Tire and Rubber Co. She is in the home with Eric who is one next week. She comes from the United Church of Morocco, Indiana.

Andrea comes to our fellowship from the East Main St. Christian Church in Elwood. She has lived in several parts of Indiana and USA. She is in the home with daughters, Janice nearing three & Jennifer nearing 1-1/2. Her husband is manager of L. P. M. in Industrial Park.

We welcome these in a common bond of indentity with us in Christ. We would encourage others to a similar expression of decision.

JANUARY AVERAGES:

Church Worship	294
Church School	132
Budget Giving	$ 1,547.24
Appeal Giving	420.97

DECEMBER & JANUARY ADDITIONS:

Gerald and Sandra Zimmerman

Sue Skelton

Laura Lazzaro

Dorothy Ikenberry

Ernest and Sadie Kattas

Geneva Ferguson

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:

All youth of grades 6, 7, & 8 are invited to the Youth Discipleship Class for eight Saturday mornings, February 19 through April 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 The pastor will be leading this group on some basics of the church and background for Christian commitment. Each student will be using a copy of " FOLLOWING THE CHRISTIAN WAY."

Please enroll as soon as possible by mailing a card to the pastor or by a personal conversation with him. We would like to have a definite response by this Sunday evening.

YOUTH NOTES:

All of our Youth Groups, plus Junior and Youth Choirs will meet this Sunday evening during the 5 to 7 hour. CYF will continue their Community Building Sharing, as well as begin a special Bible Study of the book of Jonah Chi Rho will be delivering the cookies they made last week, to shut-ins. The Junior Disciples will be planning a worship service to go with their first film on the Story of Noah and beginning work on their second film, The Prodigal Son.

THE PANTRY

The Pantry is now in full operation. We had our first referral family last Friday, when an emergency call came in for food for the weekend for six people stranded in our area.

The Pantry still needs:

Canned Meats
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables

SPECIAL ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY.

Three different sections of a foundational course will be held by Miriam Bixenman. All teachers, church officers, and other interested persons are invited to one of the three sections.

THEME: "Basics for Communication in the Church".

FOCI: 1. "Teachers in the Process of Becoming"

2. "Communication, the Teacher's Tool".

3. "The Journey of Communicating and learning".

This opportunity will be available during the next ten weeks at:

8:00 A.M. Sunday mornings beginning on February 13.

7:15 P.M. Sunday evenings beginning on February 13.

1:30 P.M. Wednesday afternoon beginning on February 16.

These are open to all members and friends of the church. Enroll by coming to the first session. This ten week supplemental development course will be held in the Education Office - (that is, Mrs. Bixenman's Office).

WEEK OF COMPASSION POSTERS

Be sure to notice the posters around our building the next two weeks. These were made by the Church School and show some of the work your Week of Compassion offering can do in answering needs in disaster and poverty areas around the world. This offering will be received on Sundays February 20 & 27.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Thank you for the participation of many persons who made last Sunday a meaningful worship. CWF leaders did planning and enlisting. Our youth and college age jumped in to help. Our Youth and Chancel Choirs aided in music. Several individuals added much through music. The decisions expressed and the closing communion climaxed a different worship experience which had been brought to us by God and a large company of people. Thanks!

One aspect of the worship of last Sunday could be highlighted. A wide variety of music was used from "The Hallelujah Chorus" to "Onward Christian Soldiers" to "Games People Play". I hope that we can learn to hear all religious music - both that which appeals to us and that which appeals to others. I see the church as being wide enough to include people with wide divergencies but who find their uniting point in and through Jesus Christ. I think this is one of the key roots of our heritage as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Let us appreciate and utilize all expressions of the Christian faith and realize that each person differs in his particular preferences.

Let us turn from last Sunday to the future. I rejoice in that we have a professional staff person serving as our Minister of Education. This allows for more direct tea ching and encounter within the church life. I would call attention to the three different sections of the upcoming special study, "COMMUNICATION IN THE CHURCH". Here is a study particularly suited for all Church School teachers and church board members. It is valuable for any who would seek growth enrichment. In the church, we have people of all levels of Christian experience. Here is an opportunity which our church offers for growth in leadership. See particulars on page 3. Join one of the groups beginning either this Sunday or on next Wednesday!

A second special opportunity is afforded in the rich resources of the panel from our community who will share with us in the All Church Dinner next Tuesday night. (see page 1) Our church is opening up its life in terms "the servanthood of the church in its community". Here is an opportunity for becoming aware of ministry existing in our community and challenge of perhaps new ways of involvement . The basic thrust is awareness, though. Come Tuesday to enjoy fellowship within our church family and to have an experience to see our community which receives special ministry.

A third coming opportunity looms to begin a week from Sunday, that is, February 20. From 5 to 5:40 each Sunday night through the lenten season, we will have a LENTEN VESPER. These will include singing, prayer, and dialogue sermons on the beatitudes of Matthew 5: 1-11.

OPPORTUNITIES ARE KNOCKING! SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Chin

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TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

nday, February 20
0 A.M. Communications Class
0 A.M. Church School
0 A.M. Discipleship Class
30 A.M. Morning Worship
mon: "JESUS, THE BELIEVER"
5:40 P.M. Lenten Vespers, Chapel
40 - 7 P.M. Study & Fellowship Hour
5 P.M. Communications Class
onday, February 21
30 P.M. Christian Education Comm.
esday, February 22
30 P.M. Cabinet Meets
ednesday, February 23
30 P.M. Communications Class
ursday, February 24
30 P.M. Advance Plan Committee
30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
turday, February 26
30 A.M. Church Membership Class

INVEST IN LOVE

WEEK OF COMPASSION

OUR GOAL - $1,000
DISCIPLE GOAL $925,000

Total Church School Offering, February 20
Special Envelopes on February 20 or 27.

Our annual WEEK OF COMPASSION giving undergirds a year-long ministry in the name of Christ to emergency and refugee humanitarian needs around our world. Read and study page 4 of this TIDINGS and make a gift reflective of "one day's pay".

JOIN IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

In spite of weather, and flu, First Christian has experienced strong and enthusiastic worship in the past three weeks. Decisions have been made weekly. Pews are full. People have appreciated the time with God and with one another. Join in this Sunday as we begin our Lenten season which will climax with Easter on April 2!

LENTEN VESPERS SERVICES BEGIN:

A forty minute service from 5 to 5:40 p.m begins this Sunday evening. Music prayer, and a dialogue sermon on the first beatitude, Matt. 5:3, will start on Sunday. Youth and adults will join together. The youth program and adult Bible study will continue from 5:45 to 7:00, or come only from 5:00 to 5:45.

Officers Serving February 20

ELDERS: Ralph Church;Hendricks Love
Alternates: Wm. Caldwell, Wm. Crouse

DEACONS:

Steven Bruckman — E. M. O'Laughlin
Walter Keebortz — Robert Petty
Charles Ludwig — Delmas Young
Arthur Mowery

DEACONESSES: Feb. 20, 27;March 5.
Mrs. Ralph Church; Mrs. Max Finkhousen

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 464 - Mr. Charles Dare continues in recuperation from surgery.
669- Mr. Fred Hilker continues treatment for heart.
Parkview: 317 - Mrs. Nellie Roe continues in recuperation from surgery.
438 - Mrs. Leah Hayes undergoes tests,
743 - Mr. Robert Smith, husband of Ina Smith.

RESPONSIBILITY - Ralph Church of our congregation is the new chairman of the Finance committee of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne. Individual gifts to Associated Churches over and above our regular church support are needed to help underwrite Weekday Christian Education.

PASTORAL CHANGE: Carlton D. Garrison, has resigned as pastor of Central Christian Church in Elkhart in order to assume the pastorate of First Christian Church, El Paso, Texas, on June 5, 1972

CLEANLINESS: Thanks goes to our custodian Art Mowery, for the clean pews in the Worship Nave. He stripped the old dirt and wax off and has applied a fresh wax. Thanks, Art!

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Futterer, 10744 U.S. # 27, South, identified with us in a transfer of membership on Sunday.

Leslie came from the Evangelical Reformed Lutheran Church of Tell City, Indiana. Hortense from the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne, and originally of the First Christian Church in Knox, Indiana. Both are retired. We rejoice in this common identity together in our fellowship in Christ.

GODSPEED TO EDWARDS':

Kenneth and Ruby Edwards are moving this week to Scottsdale, Arizona, where they will both be in a warmer climate and closer to the majority of their family. We have appreciated the service, leadership, and faithfulness of this couple for 17-1/2 years at First Christian.

IN MEMORY OF ABBIE SHOCKNEY:

The following persons gave a total of $207.00 to our Memorial Fund in memory of Mrs. Shockney at the time of her recent death. These will be listed in our new Memorial Book to be placed in the new repository in the Narthex: Members of the Friendly Bible Class, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Gumpp, Doris Blair, Kay McDermid, Rae White, Harold E. Cline, Mrs. Ruth Hamer, Mrs. Peter Dannerlein, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Davis. Our Church purchased the book, "The Living Bible", paraphrased, for the church library in memory of Mrs. Abbie Shockney.

SYMPATHY is extended to Herbert C. Banet and family in the recent death of a brother.

YOUTH NOTES

Beginning this Sunday, and for the Sunday evenings through Easter, both CYF and Chi Rho will participate in the Lenten Vesper Services in the Chapel from 5:00 - 5:40. Following this, we will go into our regular meetings until 6:30 then be involved in Youth Choir from 6:30 to 7:00. Every youth in Junior and Senior High is invited to be a part of this special Lenten worship learning-fellowship experience. This Sunday both groups will see the filmstrip "The Meaning of Lent" immediately following the Vespers.

Our Junior Disciples will have Junior Choir from 5:00 - 5:30. Costumes and props will be planned for the Prodigal Son story. Be prepared to tell what the story is saying to us as Jesus told it.

Worship and recreation will be held as usual.

WEEK OF COMPASSION ART PROJECT

Have you noticed the posters made in our children's classes in the church school? All are in the theme of the work that can be accomplished through our Week of Compassion offering that is to be received the next two Sundays. These posters are all on display in Fellowship Hall. Some of these will be sent to our Week of Compassion office in Indianapolis, after a period of display here.

There some will be selected for special national recognition and for display in the Interchurch Center at New York City in a national art display.

The mobiles displayed around our building were made by the children's evening group under the leadership of Peggy Buskirk.

BIBLE STUDY CUT-ACROSS CLASS

A special 6 month long "cut-across" class is to begin March 5 during our Church School hour. This will be a Bible Study Class, studying specifically the Letter to the Romans. In order to enroll in this class, please call Mrs. Bixenman and tell her of your intention. In becoming a part of this class for a 6 month period, it is in no way necessary to give up membership in your regular class. Instead one simply retains his membership but is on leave for the 6 month period. Persons may enroll from any existing class or from among those not now involved in a class. There are two requirements: 1) a commitment to spend at least one hour in preparation each week and 2) reasonably regular attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS CLASSES

All three sections of the Communications class are continuing. However, there is still room in each section for additional persons. Please come to any section you choose this coming week: Sundays at 8:00 a.m., and 7:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 P.M.

LAUBACH TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP:

To be held February 22, 23 and 24th at Trinity English Lutheran Church (Youth Lounge). Times: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending this worshop, please call Mrs. Eugene Smith, 3738 Nokomis Rd. 747-6056

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Do not let the trivialities of this life blind you to the supreme importance of things eternal.

I WAS HUNGRY * * * *

"Three hundred million children under the age of five are now living in such bad conditions that it is physically and mentally impossible for them to recover from those conditions and grow up into normal adults." That is one of the 'facts of life' we sometimes glibly toss around - three hundred million unnecessarily handicapped children. Millions of children going to bed hungry.

I WAS NAKED * * * * *

Ade quate clothing culturally acceptable is for the American, Canadian, Australian, or Western European a matter of style and taste. For many third-world citizens - refugees young children, and poverty-bound workers - it is a matter of survival and health. Right now as you read this, refugees are dying in India unnecessarily because they lack warm clothing and blankets.

I WAS HOMELESS * * * * *

Life without a home, 23 million refugees and countless orphaned and abandoned children know what it is to have no place 'of their own'. No place where they are wanted.

The abandoned child and the refugee are at the mercy of people around them. Whether they live or die may well depend on the love of a single individual or a group who is willing to say, "I will make a place for you"

I WAS HUNGRY and you formed a humanities club and discussed my hunger. Thank You!

I WAS NAKED and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance.

I WAS HOMELESS and you preached to me of the shelter of the love of God.

HERE'S HOPE .... WEEK OF COMPASSION ....FEBRUARY 20-27

Let the refugee, the victim, take on flesh and blood before your eyes. Translate your Week of Compassion offering in to medicine, doctors, food, clothing, shelter, social workers, drilled wells and schools. Say loudly and clearly ... HERE'S HOPE!

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$20 will provide ten children a glass of milk a day for an entire year!

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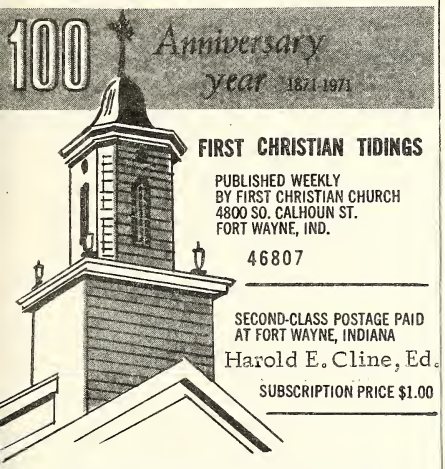

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CHURCH CALENDAR

unday, February 27
00 A.M. Communications Class
00 A.M. Church School
00 A.M. Discipleship Class
0:30 A.M. Morning Worship
ermon: "JESUS, THE MAN FOR OTHERS
UTSIDER AND REPRESENTATIVE"
-5:40 P.M. Lenten Vespers, Chapel
40 - 7 P.M. Study & Fellowship Hour
15 P.M. Communications Class
ionday, February 28
0:00 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. Prayer Groups
:30 P.M. Pantry Committee
uesday, February 29
:30 P.M. Info. Services & Finance
Vednesday, March 1
:30 P.M. Communications Class
:30 P.M. Elementary Teachers, with
Irs. Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell Dr.
:30 P.M. Worship Committee
hursday, March 2
:30 P.M. Brummel Group
aturday, March 3
:30 A.M. Church Membership Class

SERMONS ON CONTEMPORARY JESUS

During this Lenten season the Sunday morning sermons are focused on Jesus. We are trying to understand him as one relevant for us and as one who enables our lives.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "We must persevere in quiet meditation on the life, sayings, deeds, sufferings and death of Jesus in order to learn what God promises and what he fulfills."

February 27, "JESUS, THE MAN FOR OTHERS- OUTSIDER AND REPRESENTATIVE" Matthew 21:33-40 Rev: 3: 17-20.

March 5 - "JESUS THE MAN FOR OTHERS- REVOLUTIONARY, FREEDOM FIGHTER, SERVANT." Luke 4: 18, 19; Mark 2:23-28; Philippians 2:5-11

March 12 - "JESUS THE MAN" Mark 3: 19b - 22, 31-35.

March 19 - "JESUS THE VICTIM" Colossians 1: 15-20

March 26 - Palm Sunday - "JESUS, THE CELEBRANT" Luke 14: 16-24

April 2 Easter Sunday - "JESUS IS LORD" Acts 2:22-24; 32; 36-42

LENTEN VESPERS - 5:00-5:40 P.M.

The CYF's of West Creighton and North Christian will join with our youth and adults for singing accompanied by Steve Hall on the guitar and a dialogue sermon "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." We invite all for the vesper. You may or may not continue on until 7:00 in the further study group. We start at 5:00 promptly!

Officers Serving February 27

ELDERS: Alfred Schell; Bert Leversee

Alternates: Floyd Morrical; Cecil Rice

DEACONS:

Herbert Banet — Jack Sauerwein

Robert Hendricks — Homer Stevenson

Orie McDougle — Dempsey Weaver

Donald Pomeroy

DEACONESSES: Feb. 27; March 5

Mrs. Ralph Church; Mrs. Max Finkhousen

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PERSONAL MENTION

BIRTHS: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs Hugh Snow in the birth of a daughter, Priscilla Lynn, on Feb. 14, 1972.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman in the birth of a son, Adam Gregory, on Feb. 15, 1972.

HOSPITALS:

Lutheran:

Mr. Charles Dare in 464, and Mr. Fred Hilker in 669. Both are gaining.

St. Joseph:

Mrs. Teresa Smith, an aunt of Judy Aker had surgery on Tuesday.

Parkview:

Mrs. Nellie Roe is in 317, and Mrs. Leah Hayes, the mother of Sara Davis, is in serious condition in 438.

Lutheran: Mrs. Mae Beck in Moellering 203.

MAN'S BLACK OVERCOAT SWITCH:

Men, check your overcoat if it is a good sized black coat. Contact the church office if you find gloves or other items in the pockets which are not yours as well as the coat.

SECRET PLACE: These quarterly devotional guides are available for a quarter in the Narthex or south entrance. A new quarter starts next week. We are mailing 25 copies to homebound members and POWER to our out-of-town college youth and servicemen.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Miss Marcia Jessup,

1009 High Street, identified with our congregation, in a transfer of membership from First Christian Church in Decatur. She graduated from practical Nurses training last week. She is employed at Lutheran Hospital now. Marcia has come for some months and participated with the college and career group and the Discipleship Class series. We welcome this common commitment together in Christ.

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS MEETING!

All those who teach in first-sixth grade, or who in any way work with these during the Sunday morning Church School Hour are asked to attend a planning and learning meeting at the home of Mrs. Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell, at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 1.

WEEK OF COMPASSION:

The annual giving for humanitarian and relief work done in our world through our Week of Compassion needs generous giving now. Use the special envelopes of the sets or in the pew holders this coming Sunday. This is a way in which we as Christians can be involved in ministry in the name of Christ at the crisis points of our world. Give generously and sacrificially this Sunday. Our goal is $1,000. Sense your participation in world relief and rehabilitation. Vietnam Christian Service puts us in South Vietnam. Wherever wars or natural disasters strike whether it be in India, Vietnam, Pakistan or an earthquake, tornado, or hurricane in U.S. or Canada, we are there to serve in the name of Christ. It is a good feeling to participate in this ministry of lifting love.

OUR CHURCH BOARD MAKES SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS ON FEBRUARY 8.

A four-fold CHURCH VOCATION PROGRAM as jointly recommended by the Education and Outreach committees was approved. This provides for the following to express our congregational commitment to God and to share in God's call to youth towards church vocations.

1. Commitment and Recognition = a procedure to encourage youth conferences concerning vocations and public recognition of a signed intent for a church vocation.

2. Church Vocation Scholarship - program loaning funds for up to 5 years of $750 each year for those preparing for a church vocation. If a church vocation is pursued, this loan is cancelled and made an outright grant.

3. Church Vocation Scholarship Subsidy - a method for providing a Church Vocation Scholarship to youth outside our congregation in case we have no users in any academic year. This insures continuing support of one youth in church vocational preparation at all times.

4. Summer Internship - This is a program of summer work for the church for youth committed to or seriously considering a church vocation. This program links church and youth, gives practical experience and testing, and serves the church especially in youth example and stimulus.

The Policy Statement of the PANTRY PROGRAM was also approved. "The purpose of The Pantry is to afford an expression of our Christian concern thru the meeting of food and clothing needs of those who need emergency help." This program is a pilot effort which our people initiated and have worked through with the Welfare Dept. Referrals will come from them or congregational members.

A goal of $1,000 for the Week of Compassion and the full usage of church school offering on February 20 for this purpose was approved.

New steel doors were approved for the south entrance. The purchase and installation of street signs to our church and a communications center in the hall outside the offices were approved.

On recommendation of the Sounding Board committee a vacation policy for all fulltime employees of the church was approved.

Resignations of Ken. Edwards and Al Powell as elders were accepted with regret.

Present were: George Bruckman, Andy Cook, Ralph Church, Bert Leversee, Earl Plummer, William Caldwell, Al Schell, Ken Edwards, Ray Fredericks, Ted Bryan, Ben Taylor, David Griggs, Hendsricks Love, and Robert Rayl; Bud Ludwig, Orie McDougle, Merle Rice, Robert Hendricks, Walter Keebortz, Max Finkhousen; Mary Sue Ludwig, Margaret Love, Mary Love, Virginia Bruckman, Edna Vaught, Marilyn Frappier, Wendall Glass, Debbie Allen, Walter Birkhold, Miriam Bixenman, and Harold Cline.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS ...

This special class with the Pastor for youth of grades 6, 7, 8, began last Saturday at 9:30. Any new participants should be present this week. We would encourage our youth in this class as a background experience for personal Christian commitment. Present the opening session were: Dan Church, Jaynie Jenkins, Chris McDougle, Mark Rayl, Dawn Schrock, Kenny Taylor, and Diana Wortley. Also enrolled and expected this coming Saturday are Jeff Bryan, Cory Church, Dan Griggs, Kim Johnson, and Paula Meadows.

SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:

A new series of Discipleship classes for high school, college age, and adults will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 5. Contact Dr. Cline if you have questions about the series or desire to participate. The eight week series looks at basic issues of the Christian faith and our church. It is open for members, prospective members, or couples recently or about to be married. The Class meets in the first room north of Fellowship Hall.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN"S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, 2903 Capitol Wednesday, March 1, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Cecil Rice, Worship by Mrs. Hendricks Love.

The BRUMMEL Group will meet with Mrs. Myrl Beachley, 4310 Kekionga Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Beachley; Worship by Mrs. Mark Krull.

BLANKET DRIVE

Blankets are stlll needed badly! These will be sent through Church World Service wherever there is a need in the world. Bring a blanket or $3.00 - Church World Service will purchase one for you - to the church before March 15. Place blankets in boxat entry. Give your money or check to Mrs. Fred Smell or the Church office. Mark your check "blankets"

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PANTRY COMMITTEE

The Pantry planning committee will have a meeting on Monday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the adult classroom off Fellowship Hall where pantry supplies are kept. We will meet for reflection on the operation of the Pantry to date, with Mr. Smith from the Welfare Dept. meeting with us. Any suggestions for the future operation of the Pantry will also be taken up.

YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rhos and CYF will attend the Vesper Service in the Chapel from 5 - 5:40 p.m. this Sunday and every Sunday during Lent. Following the Vesper each group will have its own meeting. CYF will have as guests CYFers from West Creighton and North Christian to make pizza in our kitchen.

The Junior Disciples will go to the Allen County children's Home to show their movie, "The Story of Noah". Their meeting this week will be longer than usual because of this visit to the Home, but children will be taken directly to their homes rather than being returned to the church.

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CHURCH SALENDAR

nday, March 5
00 A.M. Communications Class
00 A.M. Church School
00 A.M. Discipleship Class
:30 A.M. Morning Worship
rmon: "JESUS THE MAN FOR OTHERS
VOLUTIONARY, FREEDOM FIGHTER,
RVANT"
5:40 P.M. Lenton Vespers, Chapel
40 - 7 P.M. Study and Fellowship Hour
15 P.M. Communications Class
esday, March 7
15 P.M. Elders Meeting
00 P.M. Church Board meeting
:00 Noon-Associated Churches Christian Education meeting
ednesday, March 8
30 P.M. Nelson Group with Mrs. H. Overmyer.
ursday, March 9
30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
turday, March 11
30 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

FROM THE PASTOR:

Greetings to you in Jesus Christ! Life is wonderful and overflowing when it is open and letting him and his spirit live inside us! Thanks for the large and responsive worship on Sunday! I believe the Spirit is alive and working in our midst!

I rejoice in the new opportunities for adults in our Church School this coming Sunday. I pray that many who have not recently been in Church School will allow these new opportunities to speak to them in terms of a meaningful Christian learning experience. See page 3 for the full announcement. Start Sunday at 9:00 A.M. You are welcome to come and join a group without pre-registration.

May I make a suggestion concerning our Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving. So that the financial secretary may make accurate recordings, please indicate the amount allotted for the Appeal on the outside of the envelope. You do not need to write a second check, but the amount for the Appeal needs to be clearly marked. Thanks for the regular and generous giving both to our budget needs and the Appeal which is above and beyond!

Our Chapel was nearly full last Sunday evening for our Lenten Vespers, at 5:00 P.M. The sermon is a dialogue - both pulpit and pew. This Sunday we will be dealing with "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

See you Sunday! May God bless you!

Harold E Cline

Officers Serving March 5

ELDERS: Andrew Cook; Robert Rayl

Alternates: Donald Smith; James Ruble

DEACONS:

Max Finkhousen	Merle Rice
Merle Grimm	LeRoy Timbrook
Robert Ogles	Paul Yentes

DEACONESSES: March 5

Mrs. R.E. Church; Mrs. Max Finkhousen

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

We share in much prayer and concern for those in the hospitals. pray and remember these folks:

Lutheran: M-203 Mrs. Mae Beck, undergoing extensive treatments currently; 463 Mrs. DeAnn Crist, minor surgery on Monday and tests; 669 Mr. Fred Hilker, in serious condition.

St. Joseph: 329 Mr. Orlie Conner, receiving new treatment; 505 Mrs. Teresa Smith, the aunt of Judy Aker.

Parkview: 410 Mrs. Mary Dilts, quite low and critical; 438 Mrs. Leah Hayes, the mother of Sara Davis, continues in critical condition.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To the family of Nora M. Korn, a member, whose funeral the pastor conducted on 2/28/72.

To Mrs. Ruth Ogles and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Ruth Hembdt, last Saturday.

LAY WITNESS MISSION: Ruby Cline shared on the team at Hazelwood Christian Church in Muncie this past weekend and reported at Vespers. On the second weekend of March, she will be at First Baptist Church in Columbus, Ind. Our Evangelism committee is considering the recommendation of such a Renewal Weekend for our congregation.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Mrs. Robert Schrock, 7528 Breckenwood Dr., and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wells, 735 Poplar St., united in our fellowship through transfer of membership on Sunday. We welcome these and are expecting others to make a similar step in the weeks ahead.

Barbara Schrock comes from First Presbyterian Church here in Fort Wayne. As a youth she was active in the United Christian Movement. She is employed at Strato-Flex and is in the home with Dawn in sixth grade, Denise in 5th, and Diana in second grade. Her husband, Bob, is a truck driver for Kroger and is an active leader in the volunteer fire department at Waynedale.

Vincent and Connie Wells come from West Creighton Christian Church. Vincent is a grinder at Zollner Piston and intends to sing with our choir. Connie is chairman for the upcoming community World Day of Prayer program this week and has been active as a youth counselor in church and in camp and conferences. They have two married sons and two grandchildren.

We rejoice in the common commitment in Christ, responsibility in this relationship, and ministry in his name. Christ is the head of the church and every member is a channel and communicator of his love and grace.

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OPEN CHURCH WEDDING:

Our congregation has been invited to the wedding and reception of Barbara Schroeder and Donald Short at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, March 11, at West Creighton Christian Church where she is Minister of Education.

NEW ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL STUDY PROGRAM BEGINS SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

Our Christian Education committee is initiating major changes in order to stimulate greater participation and opportunity for adults. We believe that study must be done at each stage of life so that the persistent questions of life can be seen from a Biblical and Christian perspective. Choose one of the following classes and start this Sunday.

NEW OPTIONS:

1. Six Month Bible Study on Romans - William Barclay's Daily Study Bible will be a resource -- East end of Fellowship Hall.
2. Six Month Elective on Christian Family Life - The Dimensions of Family Living - Middle section of Fellowship Hall.
3. Six Month Elective on Communications - Basics for Communication in the Church -- Mrs. Bixenman's office.
4. Eight Week Discipleship Series -- This special group with the pastor will begin this Sunday for 8 weeks - contact him - Room North of Fellowship Hall.

CONTINUING CLASSES:

1. College and Career Class - for single, taught by John Thompson - Studying some of Paul Tillich - Church kitchen.
2. New Young Adult and Young Couples - taught by Ruby Cline Life Full of Surprises by John Ogilvie, based on Sermon on The Mount -- Northwest corner of Fellowship Hall.
3. Come Double Class Group - Uniform Church School lessons - Southwest corner of Fellowship Hall
4. Progressive Class - Combination of Uniform Lessons and Christian Life Curriculum - taught by Harold Crowder - Chapel.
5. Friendly Class - Combination of Uniform Lessons and Christian Life Curriculum - taught by Jennie Morrical - Church Parlor

The Berean and Class '58 will continue as social units for this six month period, but the groups will be involved in the various electives for this time.

The invitation mat is out for any adult - You can choose on the basis of age grouping or on the basis of content. Be in Church School this Sunday! Begin a new semester of learning.

YOU ARE INVITED --

ALL ADULTS ARE WANTED IN CHURCH SCHOOL --

YOU ARE INVITED!

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ATTENTION CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS: Come to the Board meeting at 8:00 P.M. next Tuesday for important business including Sunday Schedule and Trust Funds.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Gladys Hoop, 3920 Bowser, Tuesday March 7, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Stanley Cole, Worship by Mrs. Fredericks Jenkins.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Vernon Montgomery, 716 Archer Ave., Wednesday, March 8, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Herbert Banet, Worship by Mrs. W.J. Williams.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Howard Overmyer, 920 Clayburn, Wednesday, March 8, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wayne Koehlinger, Worship by Mrs. Robert Johnson.

ONGOING STUDY-PRAYER GROUPS:

Every other week at 10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. on Mondays, groups meet here at the church. There is also a night group rotating in the homes. If you are interested come to the church at either time on Monday the 13th, or contact Mrs. Miriam Bixenman.

PREPARE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Study Luke 4:18, 19; Mark 2:23-28 and Philippians 2: 5-11 in preparation for the sermon at worship at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday. "JESUS, THE MAN FOR OTHERS - REVOLUTIONARY, FREEDOM FIGHTER, SERVANT." Pray in behalf of each person joined in the worship experience, that God will be present and speak to the real issues of life.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will be on Friday, March3rd. at the Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren.

YOUTH NOTES

Both CYF and Chi Rho will attend the Vesper service in the Chapel Sunday from 5:00 - 5:40 P.M. From there they will each have their own discussion group. Each will discuss the presentation made in the Vesper Service, with any additional thoughts on the third Beatitude: "Blessed are the Meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Youth Choir will meet from 6:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Junior Disciples will go to the Lutheran Home immediately following their Junior Choir rehearsal at 5:00 p.m.; the Disciples meeting at 5:30.

COMMUNICATIONS CLASSES

There has been some discussion regarding whether or not the Sunday classes on Communications in the church, meeting at 8:00 A.M. and 7:15 P.M. would continue. Both of these groups will continue to meet in the Christian Education office as usual.

THE PANTRY NEEDS ...

CANNED FRUITS

CANNED VEGETABLES

CHANGE THROUGH INVOLVEMENT.

This program is beginning to be felt in the community. 90 volunteers are already at work. 25 congregations have joined the Inter-Religious Action Council which sponsors this program.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

nday, March 12
00 A.M. Communications Class
00 A.M. Church School
00 A.M. Discipleship Class
:30 A.M. Morning Worship
rmon: "JESUS, THE MAN"
90 - 5:40 P.M. Lenten Vesper -Chapel
40= 7 P.M. Study & Fellowship Hour
15 P.M. Communications Class
onday, March 13
:00 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. Prayer-study
00 P.M. Fellowship Guild - Mrs. Dare
uesday, March 14
30 P.M. Christian Education Comm.
00 P.M. Montgomery Group
hursday, March 16
30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
turday, March 18
30 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

SEEING JESUS AS HE IS!

John Skoglund in Come and See, writes these pertinent paragraphs.

"After discussion on "The Humanity of Jesus" in a young adult group, a girl exclaimed, 'Why, it looks like he was one of us!'"

"She was right. This has always been the faith of the Christian Church. Nevertheless, it has been a part of the Christian faith that has most often been endangered. There is always a tendency in human thinking to deify out of existence the human in Jesus. We tend to make him so divine that we almost forget the human".

The sermons during this Lenten season are trying to see Jesus within a framework that speaks to our human need and life today. Jesus is central in the life and faith of the church. He is central in the life of every believer. May we worship and ponder what God has and is doing through Jesus Christ.

The sermon this Sunday in our 10:30 Worship Hour is "JESUS, THE MAN". Study Mark 3: 19-22, 31-35.

LENTEN VESPER - SUNDAY AT 5:00

Singing accompanied by the accordian - a dialogue message on Matthew 5:6 - prayer - these combine for this informal but spirit-filled time together. Youth Fellowships and Adult Bible Study continues on until 7:00 for those interested. Several have appreciated deeply the aliveness and openness of the Lenten Vesper.

Officers Serving March 12 1972

ELDERS: Ray Fredericks; William Love

Alternates: Ben Taylor; Gene Klepfer.

DEACONS:

Ronald Aker — Thomas Frappier

Dennis Andrew — John Hechler

Larry Barnes — Leon Johns

Marvin Crouse

DEACONESSES: March 12, 19, 26

Mrs. C. R. Ludwig; Mrs. H. Nordblom

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: M-203, Mrs. Mae Beck; 463 Mrs. DeAnn Crist

St. Joseph: 329, Mr. Orlie Conner; 505, Mrs. Teresa Smith

Parkview: 410, Mrs. Mary Dilts; 347-Mr. Elmore Schlatter; 627 Roxanna Ferguson.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Ruby Hilker in the death of her husband, Fred, Both have been faithful members of our church. The pastor conducted services on Wednesday afternoon.

To Sara Davis and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Leah Hayes. The pastor conducted the services March 4, in Fairmount.

To Grant Woodward and family in the death of his mother, Ella Woodward on March 2.

To Jack Weicker and family in the death of his uncle on last Sunday.

DEATH OF MEMBERS AWAY FROM HERE

Dr. Garden Whelan on March 2, in Florida.

Mrs. Pauline Sigrist Shank on March 3, in Indianapolis.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Terry in the birth of a daughter Jennifer Renee', on March 3, 1972.

WEDDING BY PASTOR: Loren Hanks and Judith Ann Scott on March 4, 1972 in the Chapel. They are residing at 257 Hoover.

FEBRUARY AVERAGES:

Church Worship	333
Church School	155
Budget Giving	$ 1606.17
Appeal Giving	$ 285.34

FEBRUARY ADDITIONS:

Mrs. Rosemary Krull

Mrs. Andrea Benny

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Futterer

Miss Marcia Jessup

Mrs. Barbara Schrock

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Wells

WE REJOICE:

Our February worship averaged next to the highest of this church year in spite of flu and sickness.

Our budget giving averaged above the minimal budget askings.

Our combined giving for our Centennial and Indiana Appeal now stands with a balance of $15,254.05. Our total commitments for the three years ending in December of 1974 is $64,500.

We had more additions than any other month of this church year.

WEEK OF COMPASSION GIVING:

The amount received to date for this special offering totals $750.80. We will wait on any scattered giving before mailing our check for this annual gift to meet rehabilitation and relief needs around the world in the name of Christ. Our goal is $1,000.

WANTED: All who want to serve the church, but circumstances keep you homebound most of the time. For more information call Claire Schryver, 456-1651.

PLEA FOR HELP: Any businessman who is a member of the Credit Bureau may be able to help the ministry of this church immeasureably. If a member of the Credit Bureau, contact senior pastor or Merle Rice 672-2748.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD WILL meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 4527 Lafayette Esplanade, Monday, March 13, at 7:30. Program by Mrs. Owen Vaught.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Clair Buskirk, 4430 Wilmette Tuesday, March 14, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Max Finkhousen, worship by Mrs. Kenneth Hunt.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. Walter Birkhold, 221 W. Maple Grove, Tuesday, March 14, at 1 P.M. Program by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Worship by Mrs. Elna Taylor. At this meeting the group will hold a Silent Auction.

THE PANTRY

The Pantry gave food and clothing assistance to eight families during February Already in March we have helped five more families!

Please continue bringing food and clothing. This week we especially need canned meats and main dishes (casseroles, macaroni & cheese, chop suey, etc.) Children's clothing, shoes, and underwear.

Anyone interested in helping mark and put away clothing or being on call to give assistance, please call Marilyn Frappier, 485-8574, or Jackie Bryan 485-8717.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN:

The C.W.F. Sacrificial Luncheon on Tuesday, March 21, at 12:30 P.M. is open to all. If you plan to attend contact the church office, or Virginia Bruckman, 485-0168 or Reba Fusselman 747-5927. Reservations are desired no later than March 19th.

YOUTH NOTES

Both CYF and Chi Rho will attend the Lenten Vespers in the Chapel at 5:00-5:40 this Sunday, March 12, immediately following the Vesper, each group will have its own meeting, using material brought out in the Vesper service as a take off point for discussion. Youth choir will rehearse from 6:30 - 7:00. Every youth is needed in this choir to help provide music for Palm Sunday and Easter. Each rehearsal is important.

The Bell Choir has begun rehearsal on Saturday mornings. If you are interested please contact Don Parlette for further information.

The Junior Choir will rehearse this Sunday from 5:00-5:30 as usual. Immediately following, Junior Disciples will meet. This meeting will be devoted to designing and making props for the next film which the group will make, using the story of the Prodigal Son.

LET'S GO TO A LAITY HAPPENING!

A 24 -hour LAITY HAPPENING is scheduled for Friday April 14, and Saturday April 15, at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. It begins at 8:00 on Friday and ends at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday. Trade off babysitting if necessary in order to attend. Husbands and wives are encouraged to go together.

Singles, and persons young or old are invited. Contact Mrs. Miriam Bixenman for registration information. All registrations must be received by April 4. Registration is $8.50 which includes lunch and dinner. Preparation reading is a new book The Saving Possibility by William K. McElvaney.

NEW ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Last Sunday everyone was enthusiastic about the new classes began in our Church School. The Bible Study Class which is making a study of the Letter to the Romans is being taught by Jack Williams, with Edna Vaught as the back-up teacher. Edna did the teaching this past Sunday. The class studying the Dimensions of Christian Family Life is being taught by Margaret and Bill Love. Miriam Bixenman is the teacher of the cl s on Communications in the Church.

Dr. Harold Cline began a new class in Christian Discipleship last Sunday. Ruby continues to teach a class of young adults currently studying Lloyd Ogilvie's book, A LIFE FULL OF SURPRISES and had several additions to this group this past week. A group from the Come Double Class continues as does the Progressive Class, the Friendly Class, and the College and Career group.

Won't you consider becoming a part of one of these study groups for the next six months and really begin looking at your own values in the light of the Christian perspective and striving to work out for yourselfa vibrant workable faith for your own life? Come next Sunday!

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FROM THE PASTOR:

I rejoice at the evidence of life and participation on page 2. Yet, I am also aware of many more who need the strength and base of regular church life. Our giving has been up and yet our expenses are running ahead of projections as well. Let's push on to see what God will do among us.

I would see k to confront each reader with the importance of regular expression of life each Lord's Day with the church. It lays the firm foundation for a seven-story-week! Along with regular participation is the sensitivity to invite and bring others with you to find an experience and life in Christ. Let's reach out both among our membership and among those outside the church in our community.

Several acquaintance and Sharing Groups with the Clines are now being contacted. Ruby and I have taken a break since February 20 when we had our 20th group and 175 different members in such groups. We are hoping that all will be invited for such a group in our home before summer. If you cannot come when first invited, be patient we will try again.

On March 19th during our worship will be a brief congregational meeting to nominate and elect two members of our Nominating Committee for church officers. This is important! Be thinking of people to serve on this important committee.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

nday, March 19

)0 A.M. Communications Class
)0 A.M. Church School
)0 A.M. Discipleship Class
:30 A.M. Morning Worship
rmon: "JESUS, THE VICTIM"
)0 to 5:40 P.M. Lenten Vesper - Chapel
40 - 7 P.M. Study & Fellowship Hour
15 P.M. Communications Class
15 P.M. Ushers Meeting

esday, March 21

:30 CWF Sacrificial Luncheon
)0 P.M. Christian Action
30 P.M. Church Cabinet

ursday, March 23

30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
30 P.M. Trustees-Finance Com.

turday, March 25

30 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class
00 P.M. BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

FROM THE PASTOR:

Rejoicing in the what God is doing in the church and in my personal life overflows. I trust that all reading this column and can sense the working of God in the life of this congregation.

The singing of the strong Chancel Choir on Sunday morning added to a very full congregation in worship.

Decisions were expressed among us. Greatly expanded worship opportunities are announced on page 3, from Board action of last week. People are enjoying encounter and the reality of relationship in face-to-face experiences at many points in the life of the church. Our sick and homebound are appreciative of prayers and care and attention and calls made in their behalf. Our Pantry is reaching out serving and helping hands to hungry people who are in desperate straights in our community.

One is applying now to work as a Summer Intern on our staff this summer. Spring is not just bursting out - much is bursting forth through the working of God in Christ and His Spirit. Praise God for the richness of His Spirit. Praise God for the richness of Him and His gifts to us!

"OUR CALENDAR FOR LENT" should now be in the hands of every member home by personal distribution by our Board members. Hundreds of others should now have received copies by the distribution by those in worship Sunday. Pray for God's teaching faith!

Harold E. Cline

Officers Serving March 19

ELDERS: James Ruble; Earl Plummer

Alternate - Ralph Church

DEACONS:

Steven Bruckman — E. M. O'Laughlin

Walter Keebortz — Robert Petty

Charles Ludwig — Delmas Young

Arthur Mowery

DEACONESSES: March 19, 26

Mrs. C. R. Ludwig; Mrs. H. Nordblom

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: M-204 Mrs. Mae Beck; 488-Mrs. DeAnn Crist; 670-Mr. Harry Peterson; 695-Mr. Louis Chasar.

St. Joseph: 505-Mrs. Teresa Smith

Parkview: So. Unit-204 Mrs. Vada Tatman.; 410-Mrs. Mary Dilts-improvement; 347-Mr. Elmore Schlatter; 548-Mr. Andy Cook.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs. Goldie Schlatter in the death of Elmore's sister last week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCOUTS

Our Scout Troop received the only plaque of this Council in the SOAR program. We are proud of our troop and its leaders.

THANKS CHOIR: Our Choir was at a high number of singers Sunday. We appreciate the regular and excellent addition to our worship. Our Chancel Choir is ever open for new singers - let's fill both sides of our chancel area!

The BELL CHOIR will rehearse at 5:00 p.m. Saturday instead of their usual time.

DESIRE A COKE MACHINE: Our Property department is selling the coke machine. Make a bid and give to office or Ted Bryan. The highest bidder will receive it and proceeds will go to the PANTRY fund. THE PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Meats.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Mr. & Mrs. Don Passwater, 1819 Crescent Ave., and Mr. & Mrs. John Merrill, 3528 Fairfield Ave, identified with us in transfers of membership on Sunday.

Don and Judy come from the North Christian Church here in town, but had earlier been in several other Christian Churches. Both are natives of Huntington. Don is a foreman in the Transformer Plant of G.E. Judy is in the home with Lori, an eighth grader; Chris, a sixth grader; Dave, a second grader; and Rachel, age 3.

John and Connie transferred back from the Christ United Methodist Church in Scottsdale, Pa. He formerly was an Elder here and she a deaconess. John is Safety Director for the C & C. Bohrer Co in his work as a civil engineer. They have two married children. We rejoice in this coming back among us again.

The pastor stands ready to talk with any concerning a primary decision to accept Christ or a transfer of membership. Please feel free to call him or to invite him for a visit to discuss this matter. Several families and individuals have been in recent contact. A goodly number of decisions are expected in coming weeks through Easter and Pentecost. We invite persons to find the surrender of life to Christ or the re-affirmation of such a decision in a transfer of membership where worship, growth and service may be facilitated. Call for Dr. Cline at 744-3239, or 747-6587.

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EASTER LILIES: Any families who desire Easter lilies for the home or in memory of someone are urged to share them with the church. You may either loan them for usage on Easter or have them sent and then delivered to some of our homebound members.

SIGNIFICANT CHURCH BOARD ACTIONS ON MARCH 7, 1972

A joint recommendation from Worship, Education and Elders approved double Sunday morning worship services for Palm Sunday and Easter, March 26 and April 2. The schedule will be First Worship - 8:00 A.M.; Church School 9:15 A.M. and Second Worship - 10:30 A.M. Jerry Zimmerman will play the organ for First Worship and the Children and Youth Choirs will sing both Sundays.

Multiple Worship Services were approved on a regular basis starting April 9. The rationale for this move is (1) to provide for variant worship experiences to meet needs of different people; (2) to provide variant times so that circumstances and limitations by work can still leave time for worship; (3) to open doors for service and participation in the three services; and (4) to emphasize worship as central in the life of each believer and the life of the church. Each of the three services will be a full and valid worship with scripture, prayer, music, offering, invitation and communion.

8:00 A.M. - First Worship - emphasis on quiet and meditation with sermon and informality.

10:30 A.M. - Second Worship - Traditional service with strong choir and musical emphasis.

8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship - Contemporary religious music with guitar and accordian - Emphasis on group participation - Late opportunity for cottagers and others out of town on Sunday mornings.

Our Church School will be from 9:15 to 10:15 with a prompt starting time. Our Evening Youth will begin at 6:30 P.M. One hired person will head the child care program through all worships.

The Advance Planning Committee was dissolved in lieu of a new committee to develop a new statement of purpose and 5-year goals for the congregation. The work of the former committee will be within the perspective of the larger work now outlined.

April 30 at 5:00 P.M. was approved for a Congregational Dinner and Business meeting including election, budget approval and other important concerns.

Sale of coke machine was approved. A new membership directory published as of june 30, 1972 was approved. A folder for use in calling and informing on our program was given a go-ahead.

Present were: George Bruckman, Ted Bryan, Earl Plummer, Hendricks Love, Wm. Caldwell, Floyd Morrical, Al Schell, Rolland Ripple, Ben Taylor, Jim Ruble, David Griggs, Ray Fredericks, Harold Crowder, Wm. Love, Merle Rice, Delmas Young, Art Mowery, Max Finkhousen, Walter Keebortz, Tom Frappier, Larry Barnes, Ron Aker, Merle Grimm, Mary Love, Judy Church, Ruth Plummer, Margaret Love, Virginia Bruckman, Lois Finkhousen, Hugh Rice, Wendell Glass, Bert Leversee, Judy Aker, Debbie Allen, Walter Birkhold, Miriam Bixenman, Edna Vaught, Harold Cline.

CALLING MEN TO USHER:

We are inviting any interested man to help with ushering during worship to a meeting this Sunday evening at 7:15. Our concern is to expand and improve this aspect of meeting and serving people at the time of worship. All current ushers are urged to come along with any willing to assist in this way.

CALLING ALL WOMEN:

BLANKET DRIVE closes this Sunday. Please bring blankets no later than this Sunday or the money for one. These are used through Church World Service to meet emergency needs around the world. Keep someone warm who is without. Serve in Christ's name in providing warmth.

SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON sponsored by CWF will be next Tuesday at 12:30 P.M. Make reservations with Virginia Bruckman, 485-0168 or Reba Fusselman, 747-5927 by this Sunday evening All women are invited. Program and Worship is in charge of Gamboe Group serving is the Kepple Group; and hosting is the Spice Group.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

A brief time in our Sunday morning Worship will be used to nominate and elect two members for the Church Nominating committee. George Bruckman has selected Judy Church and Merle Rice to serve. The congregation must nominate and elect two more people this Sunday. These four then choose a fifth member and work with the pastor in preparing nominations for our congregational dinner and meeting at 5:30 P.M. Sunday April 30.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

The 1972 Summertime Activities Workshop will be held at First Baptist Church, 2323 S. Fairfield from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon, Friday, March 17. Anyone interested in helping with Vacation Church School or other summertime activities this year is urged to attend. There will be child care. There will be separate workshops for those interested in Vacation Church School, camping, summer recreation, special events, and retreats.

YOUTH NOTES:

Both Chi Rho and CYF members are urged to attend the Vesper Service on Sunday from 5-5:40 in the Chapel. Immediately following the Vesper, each group will have its own separate meeting discussing ideas growing out of the Vesper. Youth Choir will rehearse from 6:30 - 7:00. The choir is now rehearsing Easter music.

Junior Choir will rehearse from 5:00 tp 5:30, followed by Junior Disciples. These young Disciples will prepare and enjoy a spaghetti supper together. Mrs. Daryl Cartmel, a missionary home on leave will be the guest speaker.

WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNING:

Our worship Sunday will focus on the cross with the sermon, "JESUS, THE VICTIM", Colossians 1:15-20.

See you at 10:30 A.M!

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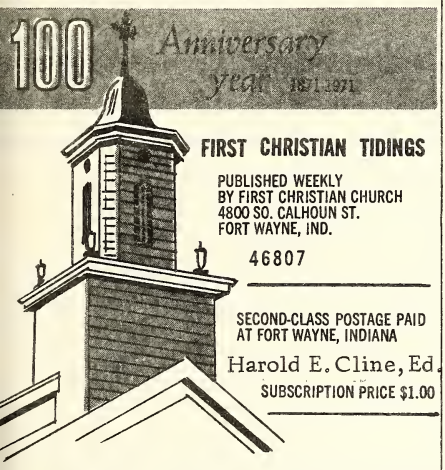

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CHURCH CALENDAR

unday, March 26 Palm Sunday.
:00 A.M. First Morning Worship
:15 A.M. Church School
:15 A.M. Discipleship Class
0:30 A.M. Second Morning Worship
ermon: "JESUS, THE CELEBRANT"
:00 - 5:40 P.M. Lenten Vesper -Chapel
:45 - 7 P.M. Study & Fellowship Hour
:15 P.M. Communications Class
Ionday, March 27
0 A.M. & 1:00 P.M. Prayer-Study
:30 P.M. Prayer-Study at Akers
Vednesday, March 29
:30 P.M. Budget Committee
Iaundy Thursday, March 30
:30 P.M. Communion Service
ood Friday, March 31
:00 P.M. & 7:30 P.M. Services at
Calvary Presbyterian Church
:30 P.M. Youth Service at First C.C.
aturday, April 1
:30 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

Blessed is he who comes

PALM SUNDAY DOUBLE WORSHIP:

As we begin Holy Week, our church is expanding our Sunday morning worship to two opportunities

8:00 A.M. - First Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A.M. - Second Worship

Music for First Worship will include numbers by the Children's Choir and also the Youth Choir. A trio of Margo & Doris Parlette and Pat Fountain will sing. Jerry Zimmerman will be at the organ.

Music -Second Worship includes an anthem in which the Chancel Choir will be joined by the congregation and trumpets. Natalie Urich will be soloist. Vee Parlette will be at the organ.

The sermon for both hours will be, "JESUS, THE CELEBRANT" Luke 14: 16-24. Baptisms are likely at both worship hours providing notification of intent is made before Sunday. Shout and sing "Hosannas" and "Praise to the Lord;and "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord", on this Palm Sunday in worship! Christ is leading forth as Lord of Life!

Worship God this Sunday at First Christian Church at either the 8:00 or 10:30 A.M. Worship hours. Our Lenten Vesper is at 5:00 P.M. •

Officers Serving March 26

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Ted Bryan & Geo. Bruckman

10:30 A.M. David Griggs & Alfred Schell

Alternates: B. Leversee & J. Ruble

DEACONS:

8:00 A.M.

Ronald Aker — Robt. Hendricks

Romane Cole — Donald Morgan

Merle Grimm

10:30 A.M.

Herbert Banet — Jack Sauerwein

Robt. Hendricks — Homer Stevenson

Orie McDougle — Dempsey Weaver

Donald Pomeroy

DEACONESSES: March 26

Mrs. C. R. Ludwig; Mrs. H. Nordblom

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PERSONAL MENTION

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Maurice Keith Sperry and Cheryl Louise Franklin were married in the Chapel on 3/10/72. They are residing at 909 Tillman Road.

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 410-Mrs. Mary Dilts, now receiving theraphy twice daily; 548- Mr. Andrew Cook, who expects release about mid-week; 347 Mr. Elmore Schlatter; S-204 Mrs. Vada Tatman.

St. Joseph: 505- Mrs. Teresa Smith. Mrs. Charlene Craig was in and out last week with minor surgery & a good report.

Lutheran: 137 - Mrs. DeAnn Crist; 329- Mrs. Cheryl Sperry; 589 Mrs. Ferne Rittel; 670 Mr. Harry Peterson; whose wife is a member here.

FAREWELL: Gary and Elaine Burkhardt and son are leaving Fort Wayne in a move this week since he has work in Union City Elaine is a sister of Don Morgan.

Best Wishes!

INVITATION TIME-DECISION TIME

Someone has said, "Man is free to choose torment without God rather than happiness in God; he has a right to hell, as it were."

The matter of decision in Jesus Christ is of crucial importance. It is either opening life to the light coming through him from God or closing life and cursing God because of the darkness.

Our invitation each week is:

1. Primary Decision for Christ:

Those who believe inwardly that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and who desire to turn life consciously after him in repentance are asked to come forward to publicly acknowledge this commitment. You verbally affirm your allegiance to Christ. This is followed by baptism which is a representation of his death, burial, and resurrection as you die to your old self and rise to new life in his Spirit.

2. Transfer of Membership

Persons are asked to come forward to indicate a willingness to join in the life of this congregation. We will make necessary church contacts following this expression. We teach and practice baptism by immersion of believers for those who have not shared in this Biblical and universal Christian experience.

3. Recommitment of Life

Persons whose relationship with Christ has slipped and who sense a starting again may come. Others may come out of dedication and faithfulness, but who sense a new depth or growth in relationship. Others may come simply to seek prayers in their behalf.

YOUTH NOTES

On both Palm Sunday and Easter, all of our youth groups, CYF, Chi Rho, & Junior Disciples, are asked to attend the Vesper Service at 5:00. We feel that since these services may well include baptismal services it is well for all to attend. Immediately following the Vesper, each group will have its own meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE: There will be no regular youth meetings on the two Sundays, April 16 and 30, since there will be a 4 hour session for youth and adults to discuss the COCU Plan of Union on April 16; and a full congregational dinner and business meeting on April 30.

STUDY-PRAYER GROUPS

All three of our study-prayer groups will meet on Monday, March 27. The morning group will meet at 10:30 with Peggy Buskirk as study leader. The afternoon group will meet at 1:00 (note time change) with Donna Johnson as leader. Both of these groups will meet in the Christian Education office. The evening group will meet at 7:30 with Ron and Judy Aker, 6226 Covington Rd. Anyone interested in being a part of one of these groups is asked to come to the meeting of their choice.

SUNDAY BULLETIN INSERT: Last week we listed members whose addresses are unknown. Will you make every effort to track down anybody who might be a lead for an address. We need address, zip number, and telephone number. Please seek to give us this complete information.

OUR BELL CHOIR: will hold its final rehearsal for Palm Sunday on Saturday march 25, at 9:30 a.m. Notify Mr. Parlette, if for any reason, you cannot be present.

7:30 P.M. Thursday, March 30. Our Pastor will be leading in a quiet service focusing on the Upper Room experience when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper with the Disciples. It will be a time through identification with the persons in that Upper Room long ago. We will come forward to receive communion.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

1:00 P.M. Friday, March 31, at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Dr. Harold E. Cline will be preaching for this service for southeastern Fort Wayne . Our Chancel Choir will be singing with Charles Newman as soloist for the anthem.

7:30 P.M. Friday, March 31, at the Calvary Presbyterian Church. Rev. La Verne Sandy assisted by Rev. Marvin Deerhake and Rev. William Meddock will lead an Ecumenical communion for Good Friday for S. E. Fort Wayne.

Our church along with other neighborhood churches is sponsoring the display next week in South Town Mall. It will be near Ayres with a Cross and tracts on the resurrection available to be picked up.

7:30 P.M. Friday, March 31, at the First Christian Church is the Fort Wayne Youth Good Friday Service. A goodly number of youth from several churches have been working for weeks in planning and preparing for this special observance of the crucifixion. All youth are urged to come and it is open for any worshippers .

CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following will be called together by the Pastor to work on nominees for church offices for the new church year beginning in July. Judy Church, Merle Rice, Floyd Morrical, Hugh Rice, and Val Taylor. Suggested nominees may be given to them or made on the floor of the congregational meeting on April 30, providing the consent of the nominee and the support of three other members is obtained. The work of this committee is important toward the on-going leadership of this congregation.

THE PANTRY NEEDS FOR THIS WEEK: Baby Food, peanut butter & hot cereal.

EASTER LILIES:

You may either bring or have sent Easter lilies as a gift or a memorial remembrance for our Easter Worships. Those not picked up will be taken to our Shut-ins. You may provide one and then take it home for enjoyment there after the Sunday worships. These can help beautify our worship nave for this joyous Sunday.

SALE OF COKE MACHINE:

The coke machine in the N.E. corner of Fellowship Hall is for sale to the highest bidder. Make a bid and submit to office or to Ted Bryan. The proceeds will go to the Pantry Fund.

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FROM THE PASTOR:

The presence of 392 in Morning Worship, the depth of sharing and care in the Lenten Vesper and Bible Study, and the positive attitude among our people causes rejoicing. I am deeply concerned that all of us find the growing strength and also the contribution which we make through regular worship whenever we are able and whenever we are in town. The centrality of worship and the richness and base of life that it provides is at the core of our decision for multiple services. On Palm Sunday we are having identical Morning Worshi ps except for the variance in our musical leadership.

Another positive thing happened on Sunday evening. 24 men were present to plan towards our new expanded ushering program. In addition to these men several others have agreed to serve through phone contacts made last week. We look forward to their added service for worship each week. We thank the continuing ushers and the new men who will serve our congregation in this way.

Through our Education department, child care will be provided for preschoolers during First Worship and then we will have our regular program during Second Worship. Those up through fourth grade will begin worship with parents and then leave for the Children's program during worship after the Children's Sermonette. The very young go to their rooms directly at the beginning of Second Worship.

JOIN WITH US THIS SUNDAY AS WE PRAISE THE LORD IN PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP.

Harold E. Cline

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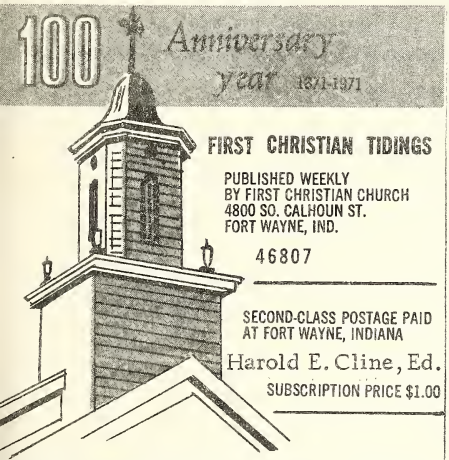

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CHURCH CALENDAR

aster Sunday, April 2
:00 A.M. First Morning Worship
:15 A.M. Church School
:15 A.M. Discipleship Class
0:30 A.M. Second Morning Worship
ermon: "JESUS IS LORD"
:00 to 5:40 P.M. Lenten Vesper -Chapel
45 to 7 P.M. Study & Fellowship
15 P.M. Communications Class
15 P.M. Nominating Committee
onday, April 3
30 P.M. CWF Study Leaders
uesday, April 4
00 A.M. Kepple Group
00 P.M. Church Board
ednesday, April 5
00 A.M. Spice Group
30 P.M. Higdon Group
hursday, April 6
30 P.M. Brummel Group
30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
turday, April 8
30 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

EASTER WORSHIP - Joy and Victory will ring through our full worship hours which are identical except for Choirs and Organists. Sermon: "JESUS IS LORD" Acts 2. Sermonette, "New Clothes"Colossians 2:12; 3:3.

FIRST WORSHIP - 8:00 A.M.

Children's Choir singing, "Christ Triumphant" and Youth Choir singing, "Pass It On". Jerry Zimmerman, organist, Natalie Urich, director.

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:15 A.M.

Classes for all ages or interests - Be prompt since our Church School is now only one hour. Be in class at 9:15.

SECOND WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.

Chancel Choir is singing "Worthy is The Lamb" and "Fanfare for Easter Morn" accompanied by a brass ensemble. Mr. and Mrs. Don Parlette directing and playing.

LENTEN VESPER - 5:00 P.M.

Singing - Sharing - Dialogue Message "Breaking Down Barriers" Matthew 5:9. You may stay for study and Fellowship groups from 5:45 until 7:00 p.m.

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EASTER OPPORTUNITIES:

8:00 A.M. - First Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A. M. - Second Worship
5:00 P.M. - Lenten Vespers

Officers Serving April 2

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. James Ruble; Rolland Ripple

10:30 A.M. Cecil Rice; Ray Fredericks

DEACONS:

10:30 A.M.

Max Finkhousen	Merle Rice
Merle Grimm	LeRoy Timbrook
Robert Ogles	Paul Yentes

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Robert Johnson, Don Smith, Russ Wortley Jim Kirsch, John Weicker, Mark Snyder, M. G. Heller.

10:30 A.M.

Mac Olson, Rex Clifton, Ed. Allen, Jim Taylor, Homer Stevenson, Wayne Koeblinger, M. G. Heller.

DEACONESSES: March 30, April 2, 9

Mrs. Ronald Aker; Mrs. William Love

HOSTESSES - for Fellowship Time -

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allen

SUNDAY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN 3/26

First Worship	110
Second Worship	413
Total Worship	523
Church School	218

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PERSONAL MENTION

SYMPATHY is extended to Dr. Jack Williams and family in the death of his father in Florida last week.

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 137 Mrs. DeAnn Crist, 560 - Mrs. Mildred Young; 670 Mr. Harry Peterson;

St. Joseph: Mrs. Teresa Smith was moved to Turtle Creek Convalenscent Center on Hobson Road.

Parkview: 347-Mr. Elmore Schlatter; 410 Mrs. Mary Dilts; 548 Mr. Andrew Cook; S-204 Mrs. Vada Tatman; 623 George Ludwig; 449 Mrs. Nellie Roe; 749 Roger Parkerson; Susan Gumpp was in last week for oral surgery.

EIGHT RESPOND TO INVITATION:

Eight of our youth received Christ into life as Lord and Savior expressed through public confession of him and baptism into him that he might live through them:

Jeffery Eugene Bryan, son of Ted and Jackie Bryan, 7135 Denise Dr. is a sixth grader at Shambaugh School. Jeff enjoys fishing, camping, hiking and sings in our children's choir.

Cory Rex Church, son of Ralph & Judy Church, 5126 Werling Dr. is a sixth grader at Village Elementary. Cory is active in Boy Scouts and Little League baseball. enjoys skating, stamp collecting, and pingpong, and sings in our Junior Choir;

Daniel Kent Church, also the son of Ralph & Judy Church, is a 5th grader in Village Woods Elementary. Dan Collects coins, plays Little League baseball, enjoys basketball, and sings in our children's Choir.

Deborah Kay Clifton, the daughter of Rex and Adelee Clifton, 3525 Contesse Dr. is a sixth grader at Southwick School. Debbie plays the piano, water skies, and collects stamps.

Rex Alan Clifton, is the son also of Rex and Adelee Clinton. Rex is an eighth grader in Village Woods Jr. Hi. He plays organ, likes football, basketball, & track. He is a swimmer taking life saving. likes to ski, boatriding, and ride snowmobiles.

Mark Robin Rayl, son of Robert and Marilyn Rayl, 5109 Fernwood Ave. is a 4th grader in Christian Day School . Mark enjoys animals and wants to be a veterinarian. He currently is raising guinea pigs.

Dawn Arleen Schrock, daughter of Robert & Barbara Schrock, 7528 Breckenwood. Dawn is active in Girl Scouts, likes roller skating, and soccor, and sings in our Children's Choir.

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Kenneth Lee Taylor, son of Ben and Val Taylor, 5215 Werling Dr. is a seventh grader in Village Woods Junior Hi. Kenny enjoys ice skating and camping.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Stanley Cole, 7430 S.S. 24, West, Tuesday April 4, at 9 A.M. Program by Mrs. M. Bixenman, Worship by Mrs. Henry Flowers

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. G. H. Chamberlain, 2903 Capitol, Wednesday April 5, at 9 A.M. Program by Mrs. David Hogg, Worship by Mrs. Earl Plummer.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Herbert Banet, 933 W. Oakdale, Wednesday, April 5, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Paul Truby; Worship by Mrs. Art Mowery.

The BRUMMEL Group will meet with Mrs. Larry Barnes, 1547 Knox, New Haven Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Ronald Aker, Worship by Mrs. Ronald Gerow.

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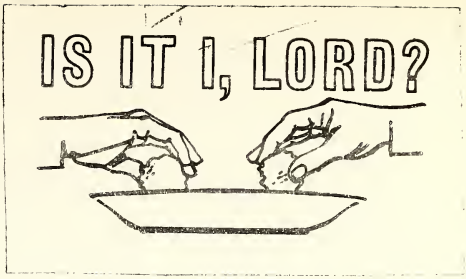
PERSONAL MENTION

IN MEMORY OF MR. FRED HILKER

The following donors gave through our church to the Emily Flinn Home at the time of the death of Mr. Hilker, the total amount of $35. from friends living on High St., Mrs. Nellie Newland, Mrs. John Lahmeyer, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold. Members of the Gamboe gave an offering which was placed in the Memorial Trust Fund to be used for scholarships.

CWF STUDY LEADERS HELP:

All who will lead and of the study for CWF on "SHINNY DOWN YOUR SYCAMORE" are asked to come to a meeting next Monday, April 3, at 7:30 P.M. in Christian Education Office.



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

Thursday, March 30, 1972

Join Jesus and find yourself confronted by similarities with the disciples of old. Come at 7:30 P.M. Thursday for this different and impressive service.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

1:00 P.M. Friday, the 31st at Calvary Presbyterian. Our choir is singing and our pastor, preaching.

7:30 P.M. Friday the 31st at Calvary Presbyterian, Ecumenical Communion Worship.

7:30 P.M. Friday the 31st, at First Christian Church. We are hosting a service for all youth of the community. This is open for interested adults as well.

WORSHIP AT 8:00 or 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY:

Since we were near capacity during Second Worship last Sunday, it might help seating for some to make special effort to come for First Worship!

Come and praise God for the victory of Christ!

EASTER LILIES:

May we ask that all Easter Lilies to adorn our Worship Nave be brought or sent to the church by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Any which are not taken by 7:30 P.M. Sunday, or are not marked to be saved, will be delivered to some of our homebound members. If the lilies are a special memorial item, this should be noted with the Lily so that we can list these next week.

SPECIAL OFFERING GOAL $1,000.

Our special Easter offering for mission, education, benevolence, and regional and national church efforts will be received in the special envelopes and Church School this Sunday.

Ministerial relief for our aged ministers whose pensions would be under $1,000 per year is a major concern of this offering. Evangelism, including the new forms of Lay Witness Mission and Living Room Evangelism, is another emphasis.

This offering is above our regular budget giving which includes money for outreach. This week we sent our total Week of Compassion offering of $775; our March check for causes through Unified Promotion of $750. and our March check for Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and especially its program of Weekday Christian Education of $166.67.

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS: All Elders, deacons, trustees, deaconnesses, and other board members are urged to be present at 8 p.m. next Tuesday, the 4th, to act on important issues. Business items for Board action include:

From Sounding Board Committee - 1) Salary policy for church; 2) Proposal to increase secretarial staff; 3) Action on Summer Intern application;

From Information Services Committee: 4) Endorsement for Annual Report.

From World Outreach Committee 5) Recommendation for at least a 5% increase in Outreach support until a 50% of local budget is achieved.

From Finance Committee & Trustees, 6) A program for Memorials, Wills, and Special Bequests and implementation motions.

From Finance Committee, 7) Proposed 1972-73 budget; 8) Motion to accept a Memorial piano for Choir room.

YOUTH NOTES: CYF, ChiRho and Junior Disciples will join in the Lenten Vesper at 5:00 this Sunday. All will then go to their groups at 5:45 P.M. Children's Choir will not rehearse, but the Youth Choir will from 6:30 P.M. to 7:00.

Junior Disciples are asked to bring a list of words made from the letter in "The First Easter". Rehearsal for the play will continue.

CALL FOR BOOKS FOR MRS. DILTS:

Will all persons who have books which came from the personal library of Mrs. Dilts return them immediately to the church office. Mrs. Dilts and her daughter have both requested this action.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 9

8:00 A.M. First Morning Worship
8:00 A.M. Communications Class
9:15 A.M. Church School
9:15 A.M. Discipleship Class
10:30 A.M. Second Morning Worship
Sermon: JESUS, THE MAN FOR ME
5:30 P.M. Study and Fellowship
7:15 P.M. Communications Class
8:00 P.M. Celebration Service

Monday, April 10

10:00 A.M. Prayer-Study Group
10:30 A.M. Pantry Committee
:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
:30 P.M. Prayer-study group

Tuesday, April 11

:00 P.M. Gamboe Group
:00 P.M. Montgomery Group

Wednesday, April 12

:30 P.M. Nelson Group

Thursday, April 13

:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

NEW WORSHIP FORMAT SUNDAY -

8:00 A.M. - MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

This early worship will have a special focus on quietness and rest. It will include the regular sermon and sermonette of the morning. Jerry Zimmerman is organist. Offering, invitation, and Communion will also make it a complete worship hour. Pre-school child care is provided. Those who might be leaving town in the morning or who have to work later can take advantage of this opportunity. The Lord's Day can begin in quiet, thoughtful worship of God!

9:15 A.M. - CHURCH SCHOOL -

Graded or elective classes for children, youth and adults. Join in the new surging Church School.

10:30 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Our usual worship hour will have the special music and the usual element of our worship experience.

6:30 P.M. FELLOWSHIP GROUP STUDY

Children's Story Hour for younger children; Junior Disciples for grades, 4, 5, 6. Chi Rho for grades 7, 8, 9; CYF for grades 10, 11, 12; Adult Bible Study in parlor for college age and adults.

8:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Communion, invitation, offering, will be combined in this worship stressing present experience in the activity of God. Steve Hall and Steve Bruckman will assist with guitar and accordian in this worship. Here is a worship opportunity seeking to be alive to the younger generation and also which is timed so any arriving back in town Sunday afternoon late may worship.

Officers Serving April 9

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Glenn Miller; Ralph Church

10:30 A.M. F.E. Morrical; Ben Taylor

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Ronald Aker	Thomas Frappier
Dennis Andrew	John F. Hechler
Larry Barnes	Leon Johns
Marvin Crouse	

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Tom Banet, Ronald Flickinger, Ronald Gerow, M. G. Heller

10:30 A.M.

Walter Bowen, Donald Smith, Clarence Hendrickson, Arza Smith, Homer Stevenson, Andy Gumpp, M. G. Heller, Andy Cook, Ed. Allen.

DEACONESSES: April 9

Mrs. Ronald Aker; Mrs. William Love

HOSTESSES - For Fellowship Time

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gerow

SUNDAY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN 4/2

First Worship	153	
Second Worship	425	
Total at Worship		578
Church School	208	

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 418 - Mindy Knight; 589 -Mrs. Ferne Rittel; 670 - Mr. Harry Peterson.

Parkview: 410 - Mrs. Mary Dilts; 449 - Mrs. Nellie Roe; S-204 - Mrs. Vada Tatman.

St. Joseph: 711 Mr. Orlie Conner

EASTER LILIES:

Thanks to the Robert Urich family; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ogles in memory of her mother, Mrs. Ruth K. Hembdt; Cathy Simon in memory of her beloved father Fay Woodhull in memory of her parents- Ray Woodhull and also Maude Woodhull; Ruth E. Johnson of Crawfordsville in memory of Frazier Johnson; Mr. & Mrs. Don C. Smith and Miss Ethel Shroyer in memory of their parents.

FOUR RESPOND TO INVITATION:

Two girls made confession of faith a and were baptized during First Worship and a couple united in a transfer of membership during the Second Hour.

Jaynie Lou Jenkins, daughter of Fred and Margaret Jenkins, 4400 Plaza Drive, is a 7th grader in Village Woods Junior High. Jaynie is a member of 4-H, Children's Choir, School Choir, collects glass & stuffed animals, shells, napkins, & rocks. She likes gymnastics and swimming.

Kimberly Kay Johnson, the daughter of Robert and Donna Johnson, 350 Arcadia Ct. is a 6th grader at Harrison Hill. She likes riding horses and roller skating and sings in our Children's Choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knuckles, 6112 Landsdowne Drive, transferred to our fellowship from First Christian Church Decatur, Indiana. Tom is employed in the office of Penn Central here. Susan is in the home with Tim in the First grade and Sharon in Kindergarten.

We welcome these and anticipate many more decisions in this period f from Easter to Pentecost on May 21.

MARCH AVERAGES:

Church Worship	400
Church School	199
Budget Giving	$ 1,478.47

Centennial & Indiana Appeal - 289.80

MARCH ADDITIONS:

Don & Judy Passwater
John & Connie Merrill
Jeffrey Bryan
Cory and Daniel Church
Debbie and Rex Clifton
Mark Rayl
Dawn Schrock
Kenny Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH- To Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston, a son, Brad, on March 18, 1972.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield, Monday April 10, at 7:30 P.M. Program and Worship by Mrs. Wm. Conrad.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. John Olson, 4925 South Wayne Ave. Tuesday, April 11 at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Harold Cline; Worship by Mrs. Edwin Hall.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Don Parlette, 4006 Tacoma, Wednesday April 12 at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Helen Clymore, Worship by Mrs. Merle Grimm.

The GAMBOE Group will meet on Tuesday, April 11, at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Dennis Andrew is hostess, Program by Mrs. Ross Firestone; Worship by Mrs. Opal Perkins.

YOUTH NOTES

All youth groups are reminded that our new schedule will begin this Sunday, April 9. Meetings will be from 6:30 -8 P.M. each Sunday. Junior Choir will rehearse from 6:30 to 7:00, with Junior Disciples meeting from 7 to 8. Chi Rho and CYF will meet from 6:30 to 7:30, followed by Youth Choir rehearsal from 7:30 to 8. We urge each group to include the Celebration Worship at 8 P.M. as the worship portion of their own programs, rather than having a separate worship time in each group.

On April 16 - CYF is asked to become a participating part of the discussion on 'Consultation on Church Union' from 4 to 8 P.M.

On April 23, both Chi Rho and CYF are asked to be participants in the presentation on Lay Witness Mission and how such a Mission would benefit this church

On April 30, there will be no regular youth meetings or choir rehearsal. Instead, we will become a part of the annual congregational dinner meeting, coming with our families.

TWO DATES TO HELP OUR YOUTH:

Sunday, May 7 - CYF CARRY-OUT SUPPER.

Saturday, May 13, Youth sponsored Car Wash.

MEETING FOR THOSE WORKING WITH PANTRY.

The Allen County Welfare Office has arranged a meeting at the Welfare office, 1002 S. Calhoun, for our Pantry Committee and for all those who are on call to come to the church to help families when there is need. This meeting will be on Monday, April 10 at 10:30 A.M. Please call Marilyn Frapper, 485-9521, to let her know if you can go. Meet at the church parking lot at 10:00 on Monday so that we may go to the Welfare office together.

THE PANTRY NEEDS: Hot Cereals, Peanut Butter - Dish Washing liquids.

HELP CLOSE BUILDING

Whenever you finish a meeting or a Church school class on Sunday morning please turn out all lights in the room and close all windows. If you are in the building at night, please make sure the outside doors are closed tightly so that locks may hold if they are set. We need the assistance of all to keep the building properly closed.

INVITE & BRING OTHERS TO WORSHIP

8:00 A.M. - Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. - Traditional Worship
6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Study Groups
8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

FROM THE PASTOR:

Let all the people cry aloud, "Amen". This was done as our choir concluded its spine-tingling anthem with brass accompanyment this Easter Sunday in worship. We rejoice in the rich experience, the commitments, and the sense of God's aliveness in this Lenten and Easter Season. Thanks to our choirs and musicians! thanks to officers and leaders! Thanks to ushers and flower arrangers! Thanks to all participants in the life of the church! Thanks most of all to God who leads forth in Jesus our Lord!

We are moving from the Easter season into the period of 50 days until Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church. Much lies before us as a congregation. May we join together with God and one another in these days and find the fresh outpouring of his Spirit within us.

April 9 - beginning of Multiple Worship Service

April 16 - Study of the proposed "Plan of Union" of the Consultation on Church Union". This is at the study and response stage. Study is from 4 to 8 P.M.

April 23 - Special introduction to Lay Witness Mission. Guests will be with us from 6:30 to 7:45 P.M. to share from their experience in such programs. This is background for a possible church board recommendation in May. It is important for all church board members as well as all interested persons. This might become a central program emphasis for the fall, 1972.

April 30 - Congregational Dinner at 5:00 P.M. All new members of the current church year will be special guests. Several business items will be presented to the congregation from the church board along with the annual congregational election. This is an important night among us.

May 7 - Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents with young children during our traditional 10:30 Worship Hour.

May 14 - Mother's Day and Commitment Sunday for the coming Church year.

May 21 - Pentecost Sunday - Truly a day when every able member of the body of Christ, the church, ought to join together in one place with one accord and await God's Spirit anew.

Pentecost stands equal to Christmas and Easter on the church calendar. Without Pentecost, Christmas and Easter would be idle tales of history. Pentecost opens the door for man's response to the action of God and the infilling with the Holy Spirit. We look forward to these important coming weeks in the life of our congregation.

Regular and proportionate giving is a constant need of the church. Just as every family or person needs regular income, the church needs the committed giving of every Christian. Our regular budget giving enables our professional ministry to serve, the full church program, and our outreach of mission and ministry. Our Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving is divided 57% for Centennial projects of refurbishing and Flinn Home building and 43% for state capital outreach debts and expansion.

See you Sunday during one of our Worship opportunities. Harold E. Cline

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TIDINGS

Volume XXX April 13, 1972 No. 28

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 16

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
8:00 A.M. Communications Class
9:15 A.M. Church School
9:15 A.M. Discipleship Class
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "Jesus, Leading the Church"
4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Study of COCU
8:00 P.M. Celebration Service

Monday, April 17

1:00 P.M. Prayer-Study Group
7:30 P.M. Special Committee - Worship, Property and CWF.

Tuesday, April 18

7:30 P.M. General CWF

Wednesday, April 19

6:30 P.M. District I. Board meeting at Kendallville

Thursday, April 20

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP IS CENTRAL CORPORATE ACT OF CHURCH

Our multiple worships at 8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., brought much favorable response and participation. These opportunities are offered to help enable Christians to find the refreshment and focus which comes from worship centering in the Lord's Table. We are concerned that effort be expended to participate in at least one of the three worship opportunities offered each Lord's Day.

In worship we sense our belonging to Christ and to one another in Him. Come, let us worship the Lord together!

STUDY OF UNITY DOCUMENT:

A special study from 4 to 8 P.M. this Sunday for elders, deacons, and deaconesses, youth, and others interested will be held on "A Plan of Union" of the Consultation on Church Union. This is a study response document on the proposed effort for Union of nine major denominational bodies. Come to gain a perspective and understanding. Come to express your insight to the current proposals. Come to help us make some valuable feedback to this modern-day unity movement.

COMING SUNDAY EVENINGS:

6:30 PM, Sunday, April 23, Guests will share and interpret Lay Witness Missions.

5:00 PM. Sunday, April 30 - Congregational Dinner with meat furnished by the church. New members as guests. Congregational action on annual election budget, and Memorial & Bequests Program.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED:

The CWF General meeting will be next Tuesday, the 18th, at 7:30 PM. Dr. Cline will be speaking about Church Renewal.

Officers Serving April 16

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Harold Crowder; Cecil Rice

10:30 A.M. James Ruble; Donald Smith

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Steven Bruckman E.M. O'Laughlin
Walter Keebortz Robert Petty
Charles Ludwig Delmas Young
Arthur Mowery

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Tom Banet, Ronald Flickinger, Ronald Gerow, Merland Heller.

10:30 A.M.

Walter Bowen, Donald Smith, Clarence Hendrickson, Arza Smith, Homer Stevenson, Andy Gumpp, Merland Heller, Andy Cook, Ed. Allen.

DEACONESSES: April 16, 23, 30

Mrs. Wm. Conrad; Mrs. Hendricks Love.

HOSTESSES - For Fellowship Time

Dr. and Mrs. James Ruble

APRIL 9th AT FIRST CHRISTIAN:

Meditative Worship	58	
Traditional Worship	291	
Celebration Worship	48	
Total Worship		397
Church School		163

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 348 Mr. John Steigerwald - surgery last week; 410 Mrs. Mary Dilts; 449-Mrs. Nellie Roe; S-204 Mrs. Vada Tatman; S-219 Mr. Wm. Wickerham.

St. Joseph: 711 Mr. Orlie Conner

Lutheran: 324 - Mindy Knight; 580-Mrs. Ferne Rittel; 670 Mr. Harry Peterson.

FUNERALS BY PASTOR:

Mr. C. William Black, a member of Aboite Christian Church, on 4/9/72.

Mr. Harold Henry, a member, on April 10, 1972. Sympathy is extended to the family including wife, Ona, and daughter, Cheri Barnes, who are members.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

Curt Schryver, the son of Mrs. Clara Schryver, 5031 S. Hanna, made his confession of faith and was baptized during the 10:30 Worship last Sunday. Curt is an eighth grader in Ben Geyer Jr. Hi. He plays the flute and recorder both at school and church. He polishes and works with rocks and builds car models.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Morgan came forward in a re-commitment of faith in Christ. Don and Sharon have sensed new vitality in their Christian relationship and a new sense of commitment. It was also indicative of appreciation for our church which they are now leaving. They are moving this week to R.R. #6, Greensburg, Indiana, 47249. We wish this couple well in continued life and service in Christ.

YOUTH NOTES

There will be no Youth meetings or choirs this Sunday evening. The CYFis urged to attend the COCU discussion from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. and the Celebration Worship.

SPECIAL DATE TO HELP YOUTH:

April 29 - Chi Rho - PAPER DRIVE

May 7 - CYF - CARRY OUT SUPPER.

May 13 - CYF - CAR WASH

THE PANTRY MEETING AT WELFARE OFFICE:

Pantry workers are invited to a meeting at the Allen County Office of Public Welfare, 1002 S. Calhoun, Tuesday morning May 18, at 10:30. Please call Marilyn Frapper (485-8574) to let her know if you can attend. We will meet at the church at 10:00 A.M. and all go together.

SIGNIFICANT CHURCH BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN - APRIL 4. 39 PRESENT

After two months of study and writing, the Trustees and Finance Committee presented a "PROGRAM AND POLICIES FOR MEMORIALS SPECIAL GIFTS, AND WILL BEQUESTS TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA." This program was adopted as printed. Copies are being prepared for a church-wide mailing for study in preparation for action by the congregation on April 30. It established:

A. Church Vocation Trust Fund
B. Endowment Memorial Trust Fund
C. Building and Equipment Fund
D. Capital Outreach Fund

Undesignated gifts will be divided equally among the four funds. Memorials, Special gifts, or bequests may also be designated for any one or more of these funds. An implementation motion was also passed in regard to the handling of the Betz and Sullivan estates and setting January 1, 1972, as the official date for disbursing according to the program.

A motion was made to receive the Leah Hayes Memorial for the purpose of buying a piano for the choir practice room. The anticipated money plus money already received will pay for the piano.

Upon recommendation of the World Outreach committee, the board approved a 5% annual rate in World Outreach until 50-50 giving for self and others is achieved. Special Day offerings will be over-and-above budgeted outreach.

Endorsement was given for the publication of an Annual Report.

The Sounding Board received approval for motions approving a Salary Policy for church staff and also hiring of an additional secretary as soon as possible after July 1, 1972. Ed. Allen, Jr. from May 29 until September 3, and John A. Coil, III from June 5 through August 27, were hired under our new Summer Intern program. Each will work with a defined work schedule. Within the new school year, both will graduate from college and move into seminary preparation for the Pastoral ministry. Ed will finish at Ball State and John from Phillips University in Oklahoma. The funds for the program are from accumulated income of the Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund.

The proposed budget was approved for July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973, and will be mailed before congregational action on April 30. It includes:

Pastoral Professional Ministry	$ 27,195
Office Ministry	18,585
Educational Program	6,350
Evangelism Witness	500
Membership Development	2,300
Provision of Building Facility	16,480
Stewardship Development	250
Facilitating Worship	5,840
Local Community Outreach & Service	5,050
Outreach Ministry in Region, Nation, World	12,050
Total Operating Budget for 1972-73 Church Yr.	$94,600

FROM THE PASTOR:

These comments from Sunday speak loudly -"The Church seems to mean so much to me lately." "It seems like the Spirit is with us in worship and as a church." Praise God that such feelings are present and expressed!

Participants in our two new types of Sunday worship experiences brought forth some positive reactions. The 'Early Birds' can find quiet and a more 'personal sermon' in our Meditative Worship at 8:00 A.M. Our central worship with special music continues at 10:30 A.M.

At our Celebration Worship this coming Sunday evening, Steve Hall will accompany singing with his guitar. Linda Yentes and Marlene Crouse will be sharing in the informal conversation on Scripture dealing with unity within the Church. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman is planning the 8:00 P.M. service this week. Informal dress is in order for Celebration Worship. Some might just be returning home from being out of town. Come on to worship and don't worry about dressing up for church. We are most concerned that you share in at least one worship of the church each Lord's Day.

Along with our worship, may I say thanks to Val Taylor and Mrs. Bixenman for the new expanded Child Care program during worship. This is a must. We thank the many volunteers assuming new responsibility here as well as in ushering and other participation. Our service in various ways is opening the door for persons and the working of God's Spirit in human lives. Thanks!

TO OUR MEMBERS: The next three Sunday nights are special and important for our church. This Sunday we have the special study of THE PLAN OF UNION of the Consultation on Church Union. This document has been in our hands for study for over 2 years. We must speak now if we have evaluation. We might be faced with a decision in two to 10 years on this proposal. NOW is the time to begin serious thinking. The Lay Witness Mission interpretation on the 23rd is basic for a possible church program. Our congregational dinner on the 30th is vital. We will begin seeking for reservations during the worship this Sunday.

TO MEMBERS OR PROSPECTS: The next Discipleship Class for youth of ninth grade and above and adults will begin on Sunday, April 30. This series will run for eight weeks during Church School. 9:15 a.m. Contact and sign up with me as soon as possible. If you have questions about this special study, contact me. This will be the fourth and final series until after my summer vacation.

I trust all of you are aware at my extreme thrill and joy at some of the very positive things emerging in our church life. God seems to be blessing our church quite richly. Join with me in regular prayer that his Spirit will fill and overflow in our lives, and through our church into our community and world. It is amazing what God can do when life and Spirit are joined together.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23
8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
8:00 A.M. Communications Class
9:15 A.M. Church School
9:15 A.M. Discipleship Class
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon "ENABLING ACTION"
6:30 P.M. Lay Witness Mission
8:00 P.M. Celebration Service

Monday April 24
7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee
7:30 P.M. Information Services Committee

Tuesday, April 25
7:30 P.M. Cabinet Meeting

Thursday, April 27
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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THE PANTRY SERVES COMMUNITY HUMAN NEED:

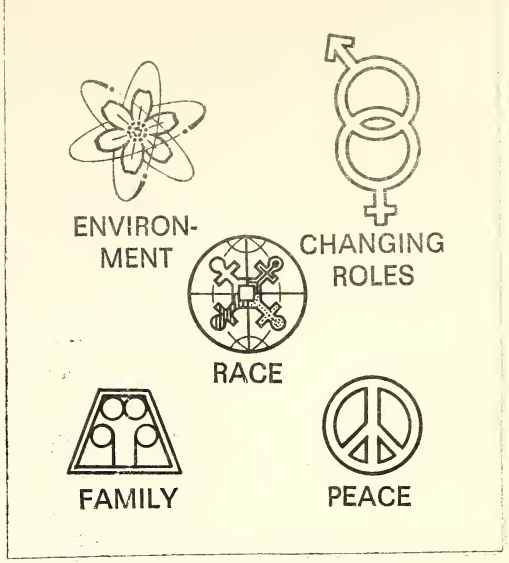
Time, effort and the leading of the Spirit of God have brought forth this report of our activity in our church program, "THE PANTRY" Up to April 15, THE PANTRY has assisted 24 families referred by the Welfare department. Assistance has consisted primarily of emergency food for 1 to 3 days, Soap, paper products, and clothing are also given.

15 families food only
6 families clothing only
3 families food and clothing

Of the 18 families receiving food, these included 24 adults and 64 children. Food was supplied for 49 days or a total of 816 individual meals supplied.

We thank all who have contributed food or clothing. We thank all who have worked in this program. We thank all who are doing the work of meeting with the families referred in order to supply their needs.

We rejoice that this ministry is begun among us! THE PANTRY currently is in need of restocking with canned fruits and canned vegetables.



DIALOGUE SERMON ON ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

David Griggs, one of our elders and Consultant for Science of Fort Wayne Community Schools, will join the pastor for the Dialogue Sermon this Sunday at both the 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Worship hours. The sermon is seeking to focus our Christian faith and responsibility upon a major problem of our modern world. Read in preparation Genesis 1 and 2, and also John 10:10b.

Mr. Griggs has worked as Chief Naturalist or Naturalist for the State of Indiana for 21 years. He has a concern that our Christian faith must meet the problems of today. Our Christian faith must find its rootage deep in the heart of God but then must reach out to life and reality of God's creation. Man stands pre-eminent in the created order and bears awesome responsibility within the world in his hands.

LAY WITNESS MISSION PROGRAM INTERPRETED: A carload of persons arranged by Dr. Robt. Sulanke of Hazelwood Christian Church, Muncie, will be leading this special interpretive meeting for Chi Rho, CYF and adults at 6:30 P.M. this coming Sunday. All church board members are urged to participate in order to consider the possible scheduling of a Lay Witness Mission this fall as a major program action of our church-life.

Officers Serving April 23.

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. William Crouse and Robert Rayl

10:30 A.M. Ted Bryan and William Love

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Herbert Banet	Jack Sauerwein
Robert Hendricks	Homer Stevenson
Orie McDougle	Dempsey Weaver
Donald Pomeroy	

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Tom Banet, Ronald Flickinger, Ronald Gerow Merland Heller.

10:30 A.M.

Walter Bowen, Donald Smith, Arza Smith, Clarence Hendrickson, Homer Stevenson, Ed. Allen, Andy Gumpp, Merland Heller, Andy Cook.

DEACONESSES: April 23, 20

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad ; Mrs. Hendricks Love

HOSTESSES: For Fellowship Time

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fredericks

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APRIL 16th at First Christian:

Meditative Worship	81	
Divine Worship	259	
Celebration Worship	29	
Total Worship		369
Church School		178

PERSONAL MENTION

WEDDING BY PASTOR: Neil Francis Shaffer and Susan Kay Gumpp on 4/15/72. They are residing at 6416 Coverington Rd, Apt. 116-D.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Paul Yentes & family in the death of his father last Friday.

IN HOSPITALS: 711- Mr. Orlie Conner, 629- Kurt Geiselman. St. Joseph Hospital

Parkview 410 Mrs. Mary Dilts; 303 Mr. Bill Aaron; S-210 Mrs. Betty Wambach.

Lutheran 689 - Mrs. Martha Cole.

YOUNG MAN TO SERVICE: Jeff Olson is now Seaman Recruit Jeff Olson, U.S.N. 310-50-7529, Co. 107, Batt. 21, RTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER, APRIL 30

All members and friends are invited to join in a Congregational Dinner and meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 30. Our new members since last July are special guests.

The church will provide both chicken and ham. Other than the meat, it will be a covered dish dinner.

155 indicated their intent to attend at the 10:30 Worship last Sunday. We will be asking others planning to come to sign this Sunday. If you do not have opportunity to sign, please call the church so that the meat order can be made adequately.

The annual church elections will be held, action on the 1972-73 budget, and action on the new memorial, special gifts, and Will bequests program as recommended by the church board. The newly elected officers along with those currently serving will have brief organizational meetings at the close of the session.

Child Care will be provided after the meal.

Join in fellowship and church business.

DATES TO HELP YOUTH:

April 29 - Chi Rho Paper Drive

May 7 - CYF Carry out Supper

May 13 - CYF Car Wash

ATTENTION JUNIOR DISCIPLES:

The Junior Disciples will meet at the 6:30 P.M. time this Sunday simultaneously with the Lay Witness Interpretation for older youth and adults.

CALLING ALL WOMEN:

The CWF is inviting women for a kitchen spring cleaning on Wednesday, April 26, beginning at 9:30 A.M.

IT'S CAMP AND CONFERENCE TIME!

CALLING ALL YOUTH WHO WILL BE IN GRADE 5 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL NEXT FALL!

Our Barbee Christian Camp will be open in July and August for a full schedule of camps for all ages. Economic problems have limited our Disciple Camp program so that this is the only facility which we are opening this summer. The camp must be able to cover all costs in order to remain open next year. Thus full groups are needed for all seven weeks.

The following schedule indicates age level by use of the numbers in the Camp or Conference name. These grades are as of this coming fall.

Camp 5 - 6, July 2 - 8..... Rev. Richard Fox of Remington, director
Camp 7 - 8, July 9 - 15 ..... Rev. Don Hiscox of Monticello, director
Ed. Allen, Jr. on staff
Camp 5 - 6, July 16 - 22 .... Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, of our church, director
Lois Finkhousen and Peggy Buskirk, also on staff
Camp 7 - 8, July 23 - 29 ... Rev. Roy Helm of Rushville, director
Conference 9 - 10, July 30 - August 5 ... Rev. Dale DeLong of Princeton, director
Conference 11-12, August 6-12 ... Rev. Tom Terry of Winamac, director
Connie Wells and Ed. Allen, Jr. on staff
Conference 9 - 10, August 13 - 19 .... Mrs. Olive Hoke of Crawfordsville, director

Cost of all of the above events is $40.00 with the church offering scholarship help of $20.00. All youth should see Mrs. Bixenman as soon as possible to complete registration. Camps will not be filled beyond capacity. Already registrations are coming in for all weeks.

Since our state youth camps are on an ecumenical basis, there are also many other weeks of camp available at other Indiana Camp grounds owned and operated by the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ. Their youth will be participating at Barbee also. These other opportunities can be learned through the youth camp brochures.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES: 1) A Trail Camp (a backpack trip in the Smokies) is being staffed by the Disciples and will be held August 13 - 19. Cost is $40.00; 2) A United Nations Seminar Trip is scheduled for July 22 - 29. This includes a Christian look at both the United Nations in New York and our Federal Government in Washington. For full information on this event see Mrs. Bixenman.

YOUTH ... SIGN UP FOR CHURCH CAMP AND CONFERENCE ... NOW IS TIME TO REGISTER

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CELEBRATION WORSHIP AT 8:00 P.M. For interested persons, for those out of town or working on Sunday morning , or for those desiring the informal and participatory kind of worship, come at 8:00 P.M. Dr. Cline will give a message as a basis for dialogue and talk-back on "Enabling Action". II Corinthians 9: 6-15.

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FROM THE PASTOR

I want you to know that each person who missed worship is missed personally. The attendance pad registration is studied and tallied. Worship is important as the foundation for reflecting and living in God all week. This morning I was struck by this phrase as descriptive of the Christian style of life - "to intend to please God in all the actions of his life." Worship is to focus life upon God so that we can consciously bring life in harmony with Him. It is my belief that Christian both give and gain from regular and expressive worship participation. Worship enables us to see ourselves and what we are meant to be. Worship facilitates our witness and ministry to others. Worship seeks to honor God with love and gratitude for which he is so deserving from us.

Our church holds that the Lord's Supper is the central element of our worship. The elements of Christ's body and blood are important to us. May we ask children and parents to refrain from misuse of the elements after the worship hour. Our Deaconesses are responsible for disposal of the elements rather than by thoughtless snacking by persons.

I have rejoiced that persons limited by work or by being out of town at the time of our 10:30 AM Worship have come at either or 8:00 A.M. or 8:00 P.M. Worship hours. This is one reason for this new format. Will all consider this alternative when your personal circumstances make limitations.

My new Discipleship Class series will begin on April 30th. This is open to high schoolers and adults. Please contact me in order to sign up. These classes are for member, prospective members, couples at marriage, and others interested in looking at basics of the Christian faith and relationship.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

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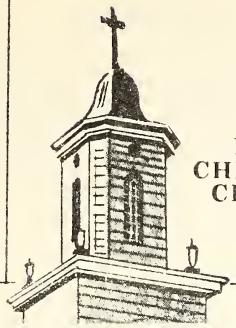

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, July 1 10:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Adventure Day for retirees and widowed persons to Amish Acres and Church World Service Center at Nappanee, Indiana.

Sunday, July 2

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. - Divine Worship
Sermon: "THE CENTERING OF LIFE"
Text: Romans 8: 1-17; II Corinthians 5: 14-21
10:30 A.M. Summer Camp and Conference Commissioning Service.
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

Monday, July 3
7:30 P.M. College and Career Study Group

COMING SUMMER EVENTS
July 7-9 Chi Rho Camp Out
July 12 - Kindergarten children go on Adventure Day to Youngs Bee Farm - 10:30 - 1:00
July 21-23 Family Camp Out for interested persons and families.
Contact Mrs. Bixenman

THE PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK:
Canned Meats
Main Dish Meals
Empty 1lb coffee cans

COMMISSIONING OF CAMPERS & COUNSELORS

This Sunday morning at the 10:30 worship service 15 campers and 6 counselors will be commissioned as they go forth to represent our church in the United Camps and Conferences - Indiana.

A final listing of those going is given below. All are going to Barbee Camp. These include Carol Cline, Marty Cole, and Denise Schrock. Camp 56, July 2-8, Barbara Finkhousen Teresa Gardner, Nancy Hendricks, and Pat Olson Camp 56, July 16-22; Mike Gardner, Dawn Schrock and Diana Wortley at Camp 78 July 23-29; Val Williams at conference 9-10, July 30-Aug. 5, Debbie Allen, Doug Olson, Scott Rayl, and Jim Taylor at Conference 11-12, August 6-12.

Ed. Allen, Jr., will serve as counselor the weeks of July 9-15 and August 6-12. Connie Wells will also serve the week of August 6-12. Peg Buskirk, Lois Finkhousen and Pam Meadows will be counselors the week of July 16-22 when Miriam Bixenman is the camp director. All of these persons are asked to be present for the Commissioning Service at 10:30 Sunday

NEW PLANNING OF CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Our 8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship this Sunday is being jointly planned by Val Williams, Ed. Allen, and Miriam Bixenman.

A group is planning each week through July and August. Come for Worship and Communion.

Officers Serving July 2

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Ralph Church; Eugene Klepfer

10:30 A.M. Dr. James Ruble; Andrew Cook

8:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

DEACONS:

8:00 A.M. Herbert Banet, Merle Grimm, Russ Wortley, Paul Yentes.

10:30 A.M. Dennis Andrew, Max Finkhousen, Tom Frappier, John Hechler, Robt. Hendricks, Leon Johns, E.M. O'Laughlin, Robert Ogles.

DEACONESSES: July 2, 9, 16

Mrs. W.J. Williams, Mrs. Ronald Flickinger

USHERS:

8:00 A.M. Tom Banet, Ronald Flickinger, Jas. Kirsch

10:30 A.M. Andy Cook, Merland Heller, C. Hendrickson, Bud Schryver, Don Smith, Marshall Smith, Robert White.

HOSTS FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 429 Mr. Troy Yeoman, 734 Mrs. Marge Lehman.

Lutheran 667 Mr. Walter Birkhold

SHARING IN BARTON JOHNSON CELEBRATION

Attending the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary festivities for the Johnsons in Covington this past Sunday were: Vaughn & Marvel Brickley; Elaine Conrad; Herdis & Audrey Helmuth; Floyd & Jennie Morrical, Al, Emma & Schellie Schell, Edna Vaught; and Paul & Ruth Yentes.

FORMER PASTOR CHANGES WORK:

Rev. Franklin McGuire on September 5, will become the pastor of the South Elkhorn Christian Church in Lexington. They will reside at their present home and will in fact be three miles closer to his pastoral responsibilities.

His son, Kevin, will be a Student Associate at Central Christian this fall while a student in Lexington Theological Seminary.

THANKS FOR PAST LEADERSHIP

We express a deep sense of appreciation to the following for the leadership which has completed three year terms on our church board:

Elders: George R. Bruckman, Ted E. Bryan, Wm. Caldwell, Hendricks Love, William Love, Floyd Morrical, Donald Smith, Ben G. Taylor, Jack E Weicker.

Deacons: Ronald Aker, William Gilley, Charles Ludwig, Jack Sauerwein, Homer Stevenson, Robert Urich, Dempsey Weaver, Delmas Young.

Deaconesses: Virginia Bruckman, Elaine Conrad, Edna Nordblom, Marilyn Rayl, and Nancy Wortley.

Officers ending service include Ralph Church as Financial Secretary; Delores Keebortz & Helen Clymore as Church School Secretaries & Debbie Allen and Steve Bruckman as Youth Representatives on the church board.

As these go off through our process of rotation this also ends a three year leadership of George Bruckman as our Church Board chairman. We sincerely express thanks to him for this responsibility and to each of those named above for their faithfulness in service.

APOLOGIES IN OFFICER LISTING:

The trustees - Wendell Glass, David Hogg, Bert Leversee, William Crouse, and Hugh Rice, were omitted. Lawrence Horn was omitted from the newly elected deacons. Nancy Wortley was listed wrongly in place of Mary Sue Ludwig as a deaconess in the 1974 group. Margaret Love, Ruth Ogles, Ruth Plummer and Janet Weicker, were omitted from the 1973 group of deaconesses.

SERMON SERIES CONTINUES SUNDAY MORNING:

Even though our radio broadcasts ended last Sunday, the pastor has two more sermons in his series on "Lord, Teach Us To Pray". Come Sunday!

TRAGEDY ..... SYMPATHY ..... APPRECIATION ..... CHALLENGE ..... EXPRESSION

(Several weeks ago, I mentioned the critical condition of Mark Lauer in my morning sermon. Many have asked further questions: Much can be gained from this tragedy. Others want to express concern even at this late date. The Richard Lauer family of which Mark was the oldest of three children, became known by many and loved by youth and adults during the years he served as the Youth Minister of our state staff of the Christian Church. Richard Lauer was quite close to me as the organizing pastor of the Northview Church in Kokomo and then as State Youth Minister for the Disciples My family will be sharing with the Lauers for a week of our vacation. HEC.)

On Saturday, May 27, Mark was driving four youth. Suddenly a car was coming down the freeway in the wrong direction. He dodged the car but then lost control and the VW rolled. He was the only one injured. Surgery on his broken neck on May 30th seemed to cause improvement. On June 2nd, new injuries appeared and he gradually deteriorated until his death on June 7. He was elert through his hospitalization and talked with his family as late as an hour before his death. The following was written by Russell Hensley with whom Richard Lauer is associated on the Disciple State Staff in Oregon.

"For those of you who were not as well acquainted with the Lauer family as some of us have been privileged to be, I want to say a word about this family and about Mark. Mark was an exceptional young man. He was an outstanding athlete at Sunset High School, having been the starting quarter back on the football team and recently having been elected to be the captain for the 1972-73 season. He also lettered in baseball and was a participant in many school activities. He was highly respected and greatly loved by members of the Sunset High School Student body.

"In his Christian activity Mark was an officer of the Christian Youth Fellowship of First Christian Church in Portland, and at a recent State Youth Convention he was elected to be the Vice-President of the Oregon State CYF for the coming year. He has been scheduled to attend the Christian Church Youth Congress in Indianapolis the latter part of June. Of all the young men I have met, Mark stood above most. He was a young man who possessed a deep Christian faith, and had a value system for Christian living, a life style that portrayed real responsibility to his fellowmen and many of the characteristics that one hopes will be true of youth today. This description of this young man is easy to understand when one has had opportunity to observe the love, companionship, fellowship, and supportive relationship that exists as a part of the life style in the Lauer home. The loss of one member in this type of family will be deeply felt. However, the deep satisfaction of a life well lived, and years beautifully spent bring a sense of triumph and Christian victory at this time of deep sorrow.

"The loss of Mark from our fellowship should challenge us twofold: One, to redouble our Christian efforts in order that we may develop more young people whose convictions and life styles would be able to match those of Mark, and two, to re-examine our effectiveness in our ministry to seek ways of eliminating the use of alcohol and drugs in the lives of people who drive on our highways and make this kind of an accident a continued reality."

The address of Dick and Doris Lauer is 12935 S.W. Parkway, Portland, Oregon, 97225, and a Mark Lauer Memorial Fund of First Christian Church, 1314 S.W. Park Avenue of Portland, Oregon, 97201. has been established for youth scholarship aid.

ADVENTURE DAY FOR THE RETITED, WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Already 8 persons have signed up to go on the Adventure Day for the retired, the widowed, and widowers this Saturday, July 1. Interested folk are asked to call the church office to make reservations by noon Friday.

We will leave the church at 10:00 A.M. Saturday with transportation provided from the church. We will return here by 5:00 that evening. We will visit Amish Acres near Nappanee and will also stop by the Church World Service Outlet store in Nappanee. We have an Amish dinner at Amish Acres and will tour the grounds.

Total cost per person for the meal, tour, etc. is $5.97. Come, enjoy the fun and fellowship. Both Dr. Cline and Mrs. Bixenman will be going along with others who will be driving

BITS OF NEWS

Did you know that our Chi Rho sold $128.32 worth of old newspapers this past year? Our thanks to Bob Urich, Ben Taylor and Jerry Zimmerman, who helped us acquire a sizeable amount of paper from other sources.

A total of $28.12 came in to the Pantry through the Vacation Church School Offering this year. In addition to this, we gathered a good number of cans and boxes of food for the Pantry.

A total of 71 children were enrolled, with adults and youth helping. During the school 4 filmstrip were shown, a trip was made to the Jewish Temple, a trip to the forest in Franke Park, a police officer visited us, and cards were made for some friends in Nursing Homes and hospitals.

CYF TOUR GROUP FEELS DEEP GRATITUDE

Those who went on the CYF trip to Bethany College last week and feel especially blessed that they came home safely. We were delayed in getting to Bethany by the flooding Ohio River had to travel miles out of our way to find a place to cross over; saw people sitting on roof tops; destruction, etc. We felt especially blessed on Friday night when we could not get to Bethany and so that no pre-arranged place to stay. We were taken in at the First Christian Church of East Liverpool, Ohio, at 1:00 A.M. and housed for the night.

We were also graciously treated at Bethany, where we were provided housing and the cafeteria was opened for our special benefit, as well as the swimming pool, when there was nowhere else in town or for miles around where we could get a meal. We are especially chagrinned when we realize that it was the Bethany College Choir that was turned away from this church for a place to sing and housing less than a year ago.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR BOOK

All treasurers of any church class, group, or auxiliary received forms last week to give an annual report as of June 30. Cooperation and immediate attention is requested in order to complete a total church report for our National YEAR BOOK as well as a complete financial statement of our church and all related auxiliaries. Please bring to office or mail to be received by July 5th!

SUNDAY BEGINS NEW CHURCH YEAR ...

Our 1972-73 Church Year begins July 1, for attendance, giving, budget, programming, and organization.

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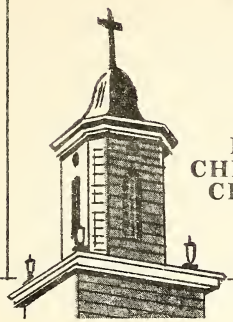

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 30

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
8:00 A.M. Communications Class
9:15 A.M. Church School (Bible Series)
9:15 A.M. Discipleship Class
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "Spending for Hurt or Help?
Text: Matthew 25: 31-46
5:00 P.M. Annual Congregation Dinner
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

Monday, May 1

10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Prayer-study groups

Tuesday, May 2

8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group - Mrs. Harold Cline

Wednesday, May 3

Spice Group - Mrs. Hugh Rice
Higdon Group - Mrs. Alfred Schell

Thursday, May 4

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group - Mrs. Ray Fredericks
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 5

May Fellowship Day, 12 Noon

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THE PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Meats - Main dishes

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING

5:00 P.M. this Sunday is a Fellowship Dinner. Our new members since last July 1st, will be special guests for the evening.

We have the opportunity for relationship and acquaintance in eating together. The church is furnishing chicken and ham and also coffee, tea and milk. Each person or family is asked to bring tables service, vegetables, salads, or desserts to fill out a plenteous meal for all including our guest families.

We are hiring Child Care to begin immediately following the meal. All children and youth who are members of the church need to be participating in the congregational meeting. The care is for the younger ones only.

Our congregational business includes three major concerns:

1. Election of Church officers
2. Action on Proposed Church Budget
3. Memorial and Bequest program

The latter two items were mailed to the membership last week. Nominees are listed at the end of this article. It is important for every current board member and every nominee to be present. There will be a special meeting of officers at the end of the dinner. The nominees to be presented by the Nominating Committee of Judy Church, Val Taylor, Hugh Rice, Floyd Morrical and Merle Rice are: (Continued on Page 4)

Officers Serving April 30

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Hendricks Love

10:30 A.M. George Bruckman, James Ruble

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Max Finkhousen	Merle Rice
Merle Grimm	LeRoy Timbrook
Robert Ogles	Paul Yentes

DEACONESSES: April 30

Mrs. Wm.J.Conrad; Mrs.Hendricks Love

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Tom Banet, Ronald Flickinger, Ronald Gerow Merland Heller

10:30 A.M.

Walter Bowen, Donald Smith, Arza Smith, Andy Gumpp, Clarence Hendrickson, Merland Heller, Homer Stevenson, Andy Cook, Ed Allen.

HOSTS for Fellowship Hour

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keebortz

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APRIL 23rd at First Christian:

Meditative Worship	69
Divine Worship	299
Celebration Worship	29
Total Worship	397
Church School	175

PERSONAL MENTION

FUNERAL BY PASTOR: William George Hennessey on 4/20/72 at Auburn. He was son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hetrick. Sympathy is extended to the family

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 689 Mrs. Martha Cole

Parkview: 303 - Mr. William Aaron

s210 - Mrs. Betty Wambach

THANKS TO HAZELWOOD CHRISTIAN - Bob and Frances Sulanke, Carver and Mary Anne Murray, and Bud and Audrey Ron, shared their enthusiasm and renewal through the Lay Witness Mission program this past Sunday evening.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Miss Becky Buskirk who will give her Junior Voice Recital at Marion College on Friday evening, April 28.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION SUNDAY

Miss Karen Dailey, 3414 Senate, transferred her membership Sunday from the West Creighton Christian Church. Karen has participated within our fellowship for several months. - Discipleship Class, Communications Class, Celebration Worship, and regularly in worship. She is employed at the Indiana State Hospital and Training Center. .We welcome Karen in our common life and relationship in Jesus Christ as Lord of Life.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ...

Monthly Group Meetings

KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Henry Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd. Tuesday, May 2, at 9 A.M. Program will be by Mrs. Flowers.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Harold Cline, 5705 Fernwood Ave., Tuesday, May 2, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Paul Yentes, Worship by Mrs. Floyd Morrical.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, 7001 Premiere Dr. Wednesday, May 3, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Worship by Mrs. H.G.Helmuth.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Alfred Schell, 236 Rexford Dr. Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 P.M.

The BRUMMEL Group will meet with Mrs. Ray Fredericks, 3430 Kewatin Ct. Thursday, May 4, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Larry Barnes, Worship by Mrs. Jack Skelton.

PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is sponsoring a paper drive this Saturday, April 29. All donations of paper should be brought to the church by Friday at 5:00 P.M. If you cannot get your paper to the church, call Bob Urich, 748-7709; Ben Taylor, 447-2880, or Steve Bruckman, 485-0168, by Thursday to arrange for pick up.

HELP .... HELP .... FIND OUR MISSING PERSONS .... HELP .... HELP

The following are a part of the listed members of your congregation for whom we have no mailing address. Will you kindly assist by securing the full address including phone and zip number? Will you work through any persons or avenues through which you can secure information? If any have identified with other churches, give us the church name and date of change! If any are deceased, let us know. We need to find where our people are in order to love them and serve them responsibly as a congregation.

Mrs. Cora Adams
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Adams
Mrs. Hubert (Jean) Adkinson
Mrs. S.W. (Ethel) Akers
Mrs. Dwight Allen
Mrs. Vesta Bayman-Allman
Doris Anderson
Mary Anderson
Mrs. Donald Andrews
Mrs. Donald Angell
Mrs. Marion Bailey
Mr. & Mrs. James Baker
Mrs. Beatrice Baugher
Miss Marcia Baugher
Harold A. Bingham
Richard & Doris Bireley
Mrs. Betty Bodkin
Wm. C. Bolton
Mrs. Elmo Brott
Alma Leona Brown
Richard Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Bruss
James Buchanan
Mrs. Russell Butt
Robert C. Cale
Mrs. Herschel Case
Roberta Church
James Clark
Mrs. Jessie Collier
Mrs. Jessie Cook
Clyde & Jean Copeland
Robert Corkwell
Mrs. Dorothy Cory
Mrs. Eugene Craig
Ronald & Mary Dailey
Mrs. Thomas Dailey
Mrs. Robt (Vola) Davis
Mrs. Wm. DeRolf
Mrs. Frederick Dettloff
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Dickson
Dale G. Drake
Mr. & Mrs. James Dudley
John Dunn
Mrs. Oscar Eggers
Joseph O. Eifrid

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CYF CARRY OUT SUPPER

Again this year, our high school youth are sponsoring a Carry-out supper on Sunday evening, May 7. Menu will include oven fried chicken, escalloped potatoes, jello salad, roll and cake. Dinners may be delivered to your home between 5:30 and 6:30 P.M. or you may come to the Church and pick yours up to take home or to eat here. Tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall if you wish to use them. Coffee and Koolade will be served with dinners eaten at the church. We must know, when you make reservations, however, which option you plan to use. Donation is $1.50 for adults and $1.00 for children 12 and under. Reservations may be phoned to Delores Keebortz 745-3789; Jim Taylor, 447-2880; Kathy Bryan, 485-8717 or Miriam Bixenman at the church, or given to any CYFer next Sunday morning at the coffee hour. All reservations must be in before Thursday, May 4th. No walk-ins can be served.

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COMING EVENTS TO MARK ON CALENDAR:

May 7 - 10:30 A.M. - Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents with young children

May 14 - 8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 8:00 P.M. -- Commitment Sunday for coming Church Year giving.

May 21 - Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church

June 13-15, 20-22 - Vacation Church School - 9:00 to 11:30 A.M.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING ..
(Continued from Page 1)

ELDERS: for Three years: Larry Barnes, George Davis, Walter Keebortz, Hugh Rice, William Schilling, Fred Smell, Mark Snyder.
Elder for Two year unexpired term: Merle Rice
Deacons for Three Year terms: Ed Allen, Walter Bowen, Romaine Cole, Stanley Cole, Ronald Gerow, Walter Gumpp, Clarence Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston, Robert Johnson, Wayne Koehlinger, Vernon Moore, Tom Ogles, Raymond Russell, Russell Wortley.

Deaconesses for Three Year term: Penny Beachley, Irene Cline, Helen Clymore, Karen Flickinger, Sharon Fredericks, Betty Grimm, Carole Lee, Marge Lehman, Jennie Morrical, Betty Olson, Delores Overmeyer, Doris Sauerwein, Helen Williams, Ruth Yentes.
Trustees for Three Year Term: William Crouse, Hugh Rice.
Elders Emeritus: Walter Birkhold, Robert Clipp
One Year Terms: Treasurer: Andrew C. Cook; Ass't Treas. Ronald Flickinger, Memorial and Special Fund Treasurer: Herbert Banet; Financial Secretary: Merle Grimm; Finance Committee: Ralph Church, Romaine Cole, Colyn Crowder, Mildred Hutchinson, William Love; Church Clerk Edna Vaught; Youth on Church Board: Kathy Bryan and Jim Taylor.
OTHER NOMINEES may be named from the floor if supported by three members and consented to by nominee. All nominees must be active members for at least one year within the congregation.

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EASTER OFFERING MAILED:

$750 was mailed this week as our special over-and-above Easter offering. Thanks to each and every person who shared that the work of the larger church can move forward in mission, education and benevolence.

FROM THE PASTOR:

May I underscore the need of your assistance in securing information concerning the persons on Page 3. We are making every effort to know and relate with each person who is still a member of our congregation. We need to know them. This week we are mailing letters to those whose addresses we know but who are not homebound or have not attended worship since last July 1. We are seeking to verify our information in the office. I ask the help of each person to enable us to know where we are in our basic church records. Help is needed to keep current with names and addresses and telephone numbers. Your help this week and in coming weeks will be appreciated.

The new multiple worship format of our church is exciting. Our 8 A.M. service is filling a need for several persons who could not attend at the later hour. My intent is to increase the sense of meditation and quiet in this worship experience. The sermon and sermonette and child care are the only repetitions to our 10:30 service.

Our Divine Worship at 10:30 A.M. continues as a central worship experience in terms of participation. Our choir has been most thrilling in recent months. Our child care program goes up through fourth grade.

The Celebration Worship at 8 P.M. closes out the day and has included persons each week who have been out of town in the morning. This service accents participation. We have a full worship experience which is climaxed with the Lord's Supper. Our dialogue portion this week will include sharing by Merle Rice on his awareness of God in relation to his life as a physicist. Steve Hall will be leading our music with his guitar.

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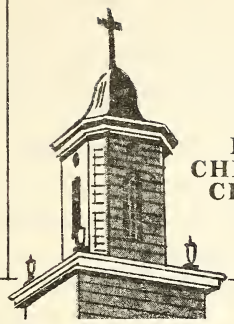

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CHURCH CALENDAR

7:00 P.M. May 6 - Spaghetti Supper at Clines for New Couples and Singles Class

Sunday, May 7

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
8:00 A.M. Communications Class
9:15 A.M. Church School (Bible Series)
9:15 A.M. Discipleship Class
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
10:30 A.M. Thanksgiving and Dedication
4 to 6 P.M. COCU Meeting
5:30 P.M. CYF Carry Out Supper
6:30 P.M. Evening Study Groups
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

Monday, May 8

7:00 P.M. First Aid Committee meeting
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild with Mrs. Conrad

Tuesday, May 9

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group with Mrs. Higgins
8:00 P.M. Church Board

Wednesday, May 10

9 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. CWF District 1 Leadership Training Workshop at Kendallville
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group with Mrs. Clymore

Thursday, May 11

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday and Saturday, May 12 & 13

Celebration Worship Workshop at St. Vincent Villa

Saturday, May 13

CYF Car Wash in Church parking lot.

STRONG CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD:

About 265 persons shared in an important fellowship and business meeting of the congregation last Sunday evening.

Chosen as leaders for the congregation are:
Chairman of Board - Hugh Rice
Vice-Chairman of Boatd - Thomas Frappier
Chairman of Elders - Ray Fredericks
Chairman of Deacons - Robert Hendricks
Chairman of Deaconesses - Lois Finkhousen
Chairman of Trustees - Bert Leversee

Favorable action was taken both on the Memorial, Special Gifts, and Will Bequests program and the budget for the church year beginning July 1. The former program establishes 4 basic funds for this type of giving:

Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund
Endowment Memorial Trust Fund
Building and Equipment Fund
Capital Outreach Fund.

The principal of the first two funds will be held intact and only income accumulated used. Both principal and income of the Building and Equipment fund will be used on major efforts. The Capital Outreach Fund will use all principal & income annually. Undesignated gifts will be divided equally in the four funds. Gifts may be designated for any of these four funds.

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Officers Serving May 7.

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Bert Leversee; Alfred Schell

10:30 A.M. Jack Weicker; Glenn Miller

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Max Finkhousen, Merle Grimm, Robert Ogles, Merle Rice, LeRoy Timbrook, Paul Yentes.

DEACONESSES: May 7, 14, 21

Mrs. J.E. Weicker; Mrs. Earl Plummer

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Robert Johnson, James Kirsch, Mark Snyder, Merland Heller.

10:30 A.M.

Bud Schryver, Rex Clifton, Ed. Allen, Don Passwater, Robert Chevalier, Robert White, M.G. Heller. Andy Cook, John Hendrickson.

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 589-Mrs. Mae Beck; 465-Mrs. Martha Cole; 769 - Mrs. Kenneth Lytle; 865 - Mr. Ralph Keller.

Parkview: 303 Mr. Bill Aaron; s-103 Mr s. Jane Wambach.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Kenneth Duane Smith and Sherri Jeanine Wrick on 4/29/72. They are residing at 30[illegible] Richbrook Trailer Park, Washington Center Rd. Fort Wayne, 46815.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Doris Richard and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Della Scott, last Friday in Bryan, Ohio.

To the survivors of Mrs. Emma Lou Gorham, age 99, who had formerly been a member here.

THANKS FOR WORK ON OUR CONGREGATIONAL DINNER:

To our Board Chairman who did so much, George Bruckman; to our Decorating committee of Donna Johnson, Kim and Bobby Johnson; Sylvia Smith Betty Grimm, Barbara Schrock, Dawn and Denise Schrock, Diana Wortley and Nancy Wortley; To

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our food committee of Virginia Bruckman, Judy Aker, Deanna Ruble, Margaret Love, Nancy Wortley, Donna Johnson, Val Taylor and Marge Lehman; To our Music leaders - Sara Davis and Ruth Plummer; and to our Nomunating Committee of Judy Church, Hugh Rice, Valeria Taylor, Floyd Morrical and Merle Rice. To those setting up tables - Ron Aker, George Davis, Max Finkhousen, Jim Ruble, Bob Scrock, Bob Johnson, Ben Taylor, Russ Wortley, George Bruckman and Larry & Cheri Barnes.

THANKS FOR YOUR WORK!

INVITATION TO FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Our congregation is invited to share in a fiftieth Wedding Anniversary celebration from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 25 in the Fellowship Hall of the Madison Avenue Christian Church, Covington, Ky, for Rev. and Mrs. Barton A, Johnson. Because of distance, a buffet will be served following the reception. Word needs to be sent so that preparations can be made for those attending. Contact the church office and we will send for all Fort Wayne friends of this former pastor here.

C.W.F. BREAKFAST

All women are invited for a May breakfast at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday, May 16. Bring guests with you. Worship and a Book Review by Mrs. Herdis Helmuth are features of the program.

If reservations have not been made, call Val Taylor - 447-2880; or Donna Johnson, 456-2366 by May 13th.

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

The Music Department of St. Francis College is presenting its annual concert at 8:00 P.M. this Sunday at St. John the Baptist Church which is a neighboring congregation. All are invited to this free and open concert of organ, instrumental and vocal music.

PUBLIC MEETING OF N.A.A.C.P

At 6:00 P.M. Sunday May 14, a public meeting will be held at the ball room of the Sheraton

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PUBLIC MEETING . . .

Fort Wayne Motor Hotel. Mr. Mal Goode, a Negro who is United Nations Correspondent for American Broadcasting Company, TV, will speak. Mr. Goode will present a positive approach to complex problems of our day.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Wm. Conrad, 1823 Griswold Dr. Monday, May 8 at 7:30 P.M. Program and Worship by Ethel M. Shroyer.

The GAMBOE Group will meet with Mrs. L.H. Higgins, 5010 Woodhurst, Tuesday, May 9. Program by Mrs. Norma Andrew; worship by Mrs. Iva Imbody.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Helen Clymore, 5210 Buell Dr. Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Howard Overmyer, Worship by Mrs. Russell Wortley.

PRAYER STUDY GROUP

The morning and afternoon prayer-study groups will meet together at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 8, in the Christian Education office. Miriam Bixenman will be study leader. The evening group will meet at 7:30 at the home of Bob and Donna Johnson, 350 Arcadia Ct. Monday, May 8. Larry Barnes and Bob Johnson will be study leaders.

SECOND GOOD STUDY SESSION:

The group who spent four hours in special study during April, asked for more time. There will be a session in the Parlor from 4 to 6 P.M. Most attention will be given to Chapter 8 - "Organizing for Mission", pp. 56-72. Some attention will also be given to Chapters 6 & 7. This is open to all participants from the other week and any other interested people.

FOOD FOR WEEK NEEDED BY THE PANTRY:
Canned Meat

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS will have their Class Party at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, May 6, at Florence Palmer's, 2625 Wells St.

YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rho will have a regular meeting this Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 with Youth Choir rehearsing the last half hour. Our program will consist of Bible Charades, groups depicting their favorite Bible stories to see if others can recognize them.

CYF members are asked to be here Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5, or any part of that time to prepare for the Carry-Out Supper on Sunday Sunday, you are asked to bring clothes to change into when you come in the morning and remain throughout the afternoon to work on the supper. Lunch will be provided at the church. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 and we must remain to clean up afterward.

Junior Disciples will have choir from 6:30 to 7:00 followed by the work on props and parts for the parable of the Prodigal Son.

LAST CALL FOR CARRY OUT SUPPER ORDER

If you have not already done so, be sure to phone your order for Carry-out suppers NOW to Jim Taylor, 447-2880, Kathee Bryan, 485-8717, Walter Keebortz, 745-3789; or Miriam Bixenman at the Church office. ABSOLUTELY NO DINNERS WILL BE SERVED WITHOUT ADVANCE ORDERS.

CAR WASH MAY 13

The CYF sponsored Car Wash will be Saturday May 13, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. on our parking lot. Cars will be cleaned inside and out. Donation is $1.00. Proceeds will go to the support of our CYF mission project (Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky) and the end of the year educational Youth Trip. Your patronage will be appreciated.

ADULT EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Simultaneous with the youth this Sunday evening will be the adult Bible Study. Read pp. 19 & 20 in "52 Weeks with the Bible". We will deal with "Your Calling in the Body of Christ" - Romans 12:1-8. This group meets in the parlor.

STRONG CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD:

Walter Birkhold and Robert Clipp were elected as Elders Emeritus. This is a lifelong office and honor. They are free to serve in this capacity insofar as they desire and are able. There are no specific assigned responsibilities.

Also elected were Merle Rice to fill the unexpired term of Kenneth Edwards. And the following for one year terms: Andrew Cook, Church Treasurer; Ronald Flickinger, Ass't Church Treasurer; Herbert Banet, Memorial & Special Gifts Treasurer; Merle Grimm, Financial Secretary; Edna Vaught, Church Clerk;; Kathee Bryan &Jim Taylor, youth members of church board along with CYF President; Ralph Church, Romane Cole, Colyn Crowder, Mildred Hutchinson, and Wm. Love, Ass't Financial secretaries.

Elders elected for three years were Larry Barnes, George Davis, Walter Keebortz, John Merrill, Hugh Rice, Wm. Schilling, Fred Smell, Mark Snyder.

Deacons elected for three year terms were: Ed. Allen, Walter Bowen, Romane Cole, Stanley Cole, Ronald Gerow, Walter Gumpp, Clarence Hetrick, Lawrence Horn, Arthur Huddleston, Robert Johnson, Wayne Koehlinger, Vernon Moore, Tom Ogles, Raymond Russell, and Russell Wortley.

Deaconesses elected for three years were: Penny Beachley, Helen Clymore, Karen Flickinger, Sharon Fredericks, Betty Grimm, Carole Lee, Marge Lehman, Jennie Morrical, Betty Olson, Delores Overmyer, Doris Sauerwein, Helen Williams, and Ruth Yentes.

Trustees elected for three years were: William Crouse and Hugh Rice.

Commitment Sunday for the giving toward the new church budget will be on May 14. Realistic giving in proportion to income needs to be committed so that we may underwrite this program. Every member and friend of th church is encouraged to share in weekly giving so enable Christ's action thru the Church.

FROM THE PASTOR:

As we open the month of May, we also launch upon Christian Family Week. On May 7th, we will have our semi-annual Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents Service.

On May 14, we celebrate Mothers Day. Our sermons will be looking at implications of our Christian faith in this important area of life.

May 7 - "THE MINISTRY OF PARENTS"
Luke 15:11-32

May 14 -"THE IMPACT OF LOVE ON A FAMILY" ! Corinthians 13, I John 4.

During our 8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship this Sunday, the Bible Dialogue will concern the interaction of children and parents especially as the child nears maturity. Our Christian faith needs to be carried into the reality of life within our home circles.

On May 14, our church will be sharing in its COMMITMENT SUNDAY when persons make expressions of giving intent for the new church year beginning July 1. We recognize the generous over-and-above commitments of our Centennial and Indiana Appeal last winter. Yet, we do believe that our people can move up to the regular budget needs of $1,809.23 weekly. We anticipate commitments from children, youth, and adults. A measuring rod for giving is as follows:

Beginning Commitment -
$1 per week of $1,000 of annual income
Average or Tithe Commitment -
$2 per week per $1,000 of annual income
Sacrificial Commitment -
$3 per week per $1,000 of annual income

We recently passed the April 15 deadline when we were aware of our 1971 income for the Government. Ponder your giving ahead in light of these figures plus any changes in income. Plan now for the coming year.

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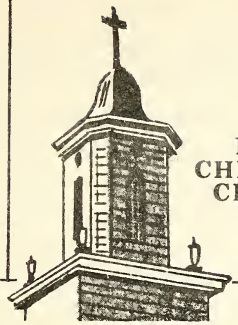

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, May 13
CYF - Car Wash in church parking lot.
Sunday, May 14
8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon -"THE IMPACT OF LOVE ON THE FAMILY"
Text: I Corinthians 13 and I John John 4
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
Monday, May 15
10:00 A.M. Prayer-strudy group
Tuesday, May 16
9:30 A.M. CWF May Breakfast
Thursday, May 18
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday and Saturday, May 19 & 20
Camp Training Workshop - Geneva Center

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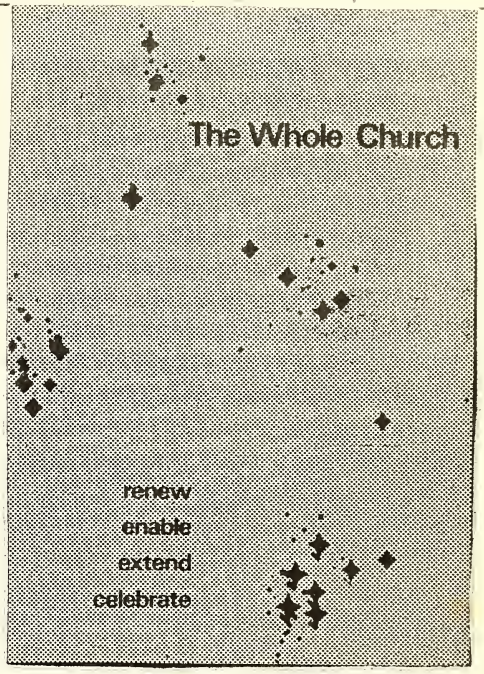
THE PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK:

Canned fruit juices, such as Hi-C or regular fruit juices, not drinks; Peanut Butter.



Sunday, May 14, is COMMITMENT SUNDAY for the WHOLE CHURCH - Each member and friend is invited and urged to make an intention of giving for the coming church year.

RENEW Commitment to God through a giving commitment and renew responsible church ties.

ENABLE a full Pastoral ministry and a rounded church program and life. EXTEND the reach of Christ through Christian higher education, benevolent homes, missionaries around the world.

CELEBRATE the richness of the gift of Christ and the material resources in our hands by honoring Christ and serving others with what we have.

YOUNG AND OLD, RICH AND POOR, NEW CHRISTIAN AND OLD CHRISTIAN -- RENEW .. ENABLE - EXTEND, AND CELEBRATE THE WHOLE CHURCH.

COMMITMENTS AT ANY SERVICE -- 8:00 A.M.; 10:30 A.M., 8:00 P.M.

OFFICERS SERVING MAY 14

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Earl Plummer, David Griggs
10:30 A.M. Robert Rayl, Andrew Cook

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Ronald Aker, Dennis Andrew, Larry Barnes, Marvin Crouse, Thomas Frappier, John Hechler, Leon Johns.

DEACONESSES: May 14, 21

Mrs. J.E. Weicker, Mrs. Earl Plummer

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Robert Johnson, James Kirsch, Mark Snyder, Merland Heller.

10:30 A.M.

Bud Schryver, Rex Clifton, Ed.Allen, Don Passwater, Robert Chevalier, Robert White, Merland Heller, Andy Cook, John Hendrickson

HOSTS FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Banet

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PERSONAL MENTION

SYMPATHY is extended to Mr. Eural Rose in the death of his father on Easter Sunday in Lee City, Kentucky.

Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Monette Wetzel and family in the death of her father last week.

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 240 - Mr. John Freed.
St. Joseph's: 225 - Mrs. Carolyn Hursh, 607- Teresa Gardner.
Parkview: S-103 Mrs. Jane Wambach

PARTICIPANTS IN CELEBRATION WORKSHOP

Valerie Williams, Lori Passwater, Sally Cline, Judy Aker, and Miriam Bixenman and Harold Cline are sharing in this workshop led by the Center for Contemporary Celebration and sponsored by the Christian Educators of Fort Wayne.

REMEMBER:

After noon on Sunday, the only scheduled activity is the Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M.

Happy Mothers' Day!

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Newman, 651-1/2 Third St, identified with our congregation in transfers of membership this past Sunday.

Charles comes from the Whetstone United Church of Christ in An derson and Armella comes from the Central Christian Church of Anderson. Charles is empl oyed by Sears in tl Home Improvement department. He plans to finish his work this coming year at Ball State University. Armella is in the home with a young son, Adam, and is the niece of Marvin and William Crouse of our congregation. We welcome these on a common tie together in Christ.

APRIL AVERAGES:

Church Worship	423
Church School	177
Church Budget giving	$1,592.48
Centennial & Indiana Appeal giving	$ 252.28

NEW MEMBERS DURING APRIL:

Jayne Jenkins
Kim Johnson
Thomas and Susan Knuckles
Kurt Schryver
Karen Dailey

CWF MAY BREAKFAST

All women are urged to call Val Taylor, 447-2880, or Donna Johnson, 456-2366 i order to make reservations for the breakfast at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday, May 16. Reservations deadline is the 13th - Saturday.

"Ive Got To Tell You Something" will be shared with the group by Audrey Helmuth. Nancy Wortley is leading the worship experience of the morning.

Let this be an invitation to call and make reservation for yourself and a guest whom you might bring!

CAR WASH:

Our Christian Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a car wash this Saturday, May 13, on our parking lot. They will be assisted by youth from West Creighton Christian Church. The two youth groups are planning an end of the year trip to Bethany, West Virginia, returning through Ohio to see some of the sights important in the history of our Brotherhood. Proceeds from the Car Wash will go toward this trip and toward the mission giving of this group. Donations are $1.00 per car and washing will continue from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Let the CYF wash your car clean to take Mother to Church on her day!

MAY 14 - COMMITMENT SUNDAY - MOTHER'S DAY

8:00 A.M. - Meditative Worship

10:30 A.M. - Divine Worship

Sermon both hours: "THE IMPACT OF LOVE ON A FAMILY" - I Corinthians 13; I John 4. Our Communion at the Lord's Table will complete our expression of commitment. Bring Commitment cards which were mailed.

8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

"Commitment and Prayer" is the theme for interaction led by Steve Bruckman, Karen Dailey, Ray Fredericks, and Miriam Bixenman. Steve Hall will be accompanist with the guitar. Commitment cards are welcomed!

HELP ... HELP ... FIND OUR MISSING PERSONS ... HELP ... HELP!

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Mrs. Robert Feichter
Gerald S. Fogel
Mrs. Wm. R. Folsom
Mrs. Larry Ganter
Ellen & Edna Garee
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Wm. D. Gilley
Paul & Mildred Girdner
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Rosemary Greenwald
Mr. Mrs. Harry Griggs
Gloria Grove
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Mrs. Ora Jane Huff
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J. Raymond Keller
Jack & Maxine Kelley
Wanda Sue Kelly
Manuel Kelly
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Mrs. Walter Knox
Edgar R. Laden
Diann Laden
Thomas Laden
Mr. & Mrs. Traffa LaFave
Mrs. David (Valjean) Langohr

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The 1972 Vacation Church School will be held from 9:30 A.M., to 12 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, June 13, 14, 15 and June 20, 21, 22. There will be classes for those in Nursery (now 3 and 4 years old), Kindergarten, and first through sixth grades. Jackie Bryan, Val Taylor, and Nila Schilling are chairmen of the Vavation School. Teachers include: Nursery -Karen Flickinger, Sue Knuckles, and Cindy Bryan.

Kindergarten: Andrea Benny, Ruth Ann Bozarth and Sharon Fredericks.
1st and 2nd Grades: Donna Johnson, Rosemary Krull and Lucy Young.
3rd and 4th Grades: Peg Buskirk, Nancy Wortley and Judy Passwater.
5th and 6th Grades: Ed. Allen, Jr. (our summer intern) and Jim Taylor.
Penny Beachley will be in charge of the kitchen and Ruth Plummer and Connie Knight will be in charge of music in all departments. Watch for enrollment blanks.

SUNDAY EVENING STUDY PROGRAM

There will be NO SESSIONS of the Sunday evening study groups this Sunday, in honor of Mother's Day. This includes the Youth groups - CYF and Chi Rho and Junior Disciples. There will also be no Youth or Children's Choirs.

THOSE NOW REGISTERED FOR SUMMER CAMP

Mike Gardner for Camp 78, the week of July 23-29 at Barbee
Teresa Gardner for Camp 56 the week of July 16-22 at Barbee.
Denise Schrock and Carol Cline for camp 56 the week of July 2-8 at Barbee
Diana Wortley and Dawn Schrock for Camp 78 at Barbee the week of July 9-15.
Scott Rayl for Camp 11-12 at Barbee August 6-12.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Greetings in our common Lord of life, Jesus Christ!

Let me first comment about our 520 verification letters. I have a deep concern for persons and the church and the ministry of the church to persons. Thus, we are writing every household or adult member of our congregation who has not been in worship for 10 months or who is not on our special care list because of health or age. These letters are to ascertain correctness of membership status; current address, zip, and phone; and to learn any other information which might enable our ministry. For instance, this week I had a call from one over 70 who has not received the weekly TIDINGS. I appreciate this since every member household is to receive a copy weekly. We are concerned for active participation and also for the adequacy of our information for every person who is a member of First Christian Church. This is also why the listing on page 3 to learn of addresses or information on people whose office records are incomplete presently. Will those receiving letters please respond in a way a to help us minister? Will all help us find people with whom we have lost weekly contact through THE TIDINGS and other means?

Secondly, I look forward with prayer and anticipation to our COMMITMENT SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY THE 14th.! I am convinced that our people can reach forth in faith so that we can underwrite our church budget weekly needs of $1,819.23, beginning on July 1, 1972.

We are encouraging commitments from every home and every child and youth who has made his Christian decision. Let us ponder and move forward in financial commitments reflective of our income and resources! SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

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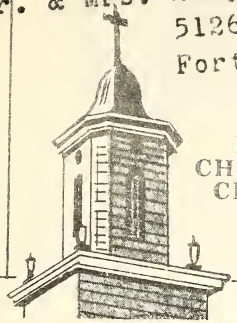

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, May 20, 9 to 4 - CYF Car Wash

Sunday, May 21 _ PENTECOST

8:00 A.M. - Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A.M. - Divine Worship
Sermon: "Experiencing Our Church Identity and Power"
6:30 P.M. - Fellowship and Study
6:30 P.M. CYF, Chi Rho
8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

Monday, May 22

10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. - Prayer-study

Tuesday, May 23

7:30 P.M. Church Cabinet

Thursday, May 24

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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THE PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK:

Canned Meats
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables

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Christ lived in the flesh so that He might show us how to live in the Spirit.

PENTECOST

Our three worships on Sunday will be highlighted by the celebration of Pentecost - the Birthday of the Church. Our fellowship hour will include the sharing in a birthday cake.

Christmas celebrates the gift of God into the world in the person of Jesus Christ. Easter celebrates the victory of Christ over sin and death. Pentecost celebrates the Gift of the Spirit which brings Christ into human life within the fellowship of believers. Christmas and Easter would have no lasting validity without Pentecost. Truly Pentecost is one of the highlights of the Christian year.

Thus, we call upon every member to join in Pentecost Worship on this Sunday, the 21st. Read Acts of the Apostles, chapters 1 and 2, in preparation for worship. Dr. Harold E. Cline will preach at the 8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship and at the 10:30 A.M. Divine Worship on the theme, "EXPERIENCING OUR CHURCH IDENTITY AND POWER".

The Celebration Worship at 8 p.m. will be built around the Pentecost theme. All participants can share in the Dialogue Sermon with Dr. Cline.

OFFICERS SERVING MAY 21

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Ted Bryan; Harold Crowder

10:30 A.M. Ray Fredericks; Floyd Morrical

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Steven Bruckman, Walter Keebortz, Charles R. Ludwig, Arthur Mowery, E.M. O'Laughlin, Robert Petty, Delmas Young.

DEACONESSES: May 21

Mrs. J.E. Weicker; Mrs. Earl Plummer

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Robert Johnson, James Kirsch, Merland Heller, Mark Snyder.

10:30 A.M.

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HOSTS for Fellowship Hour:

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wortley

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PERSONAL MENTION

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Clarence Hetrick and family in the death of her brother last week.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Curtis A. Roush on 5/16/72/ Sympathy is extended to the family.

BIRTH TO MEMBER:

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Horn, Jr. are blest with a daughter, Heather Amber, born on May 9, 1972.

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 570 - Mr. Kenneth Lytle and 773- Mr. John Freed. Both are recuperating satisfactorily from major surgery last week.

St. Joseph: 308 - Mr. Harvey Smelser, surgery on Thursday morning.

Parkview: S-102 Mrs. Jane Wambach

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Melvin Cochran, our scoutmaster of Troop 57, has announced a Court of Honor for 7:00 P.M. Friday, May 26. A highlight will be an Eagle presentation.

You've Got A Lot to Give speaks two ways:

1). The resources in our affluent society are such that we have much that we need to commit and give to God and his work through the church.

2). The needs for enabling ministry through our congregation after Commitment Sunday stand in need of more than doubling our number of commitments and doubling our dollars commetments.

Our operating budget for 1972-73 beginning July 1, totals $94,600, or $1,819.23 weekly. This needs to be underwritten in commitments and received in actual dollars in the coming year. Now is the time for our people to step forward and use the mailed or available cards at the church. Mail or bring cards to the church. EVERY MEMBER needs to step forward with an expression of intent.

Our commitments need to reflect our income today. Our children and youth and some on retirement need the joy and privilege of regular giving even if dollar amount is not high. Others in high income years of life need to give at the 15% or 10% or 5% levels.

Here is a breakdown of our Commitment Sunday:

	Commitments	Amount
Couples 18-40	10	$ 121.25
Couples 40-Retirement	41	391.75
Couples in retirement	15	98.75
Singles 8 to 18	13	3.45
Singles 18 - 25	10	33.25
Singles 25 - 45	4	14.50
Singles 45 to retirement	16	95.00
Singles not working	33	98.00
Non Members	4	52.50
	136	$ 908.45

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF CHURCH BOARD MAY 9, 1972

The approved treasurer's report indicated a financial deficit in currents funds in spite of giving above budget level. Our expenses have consistently ran higher than budget level this church year. Thus, basic giving is needed regularly as well as a careful control on spending. New budget control systems will become applicable after July 1, when our bookkeeping will allow such.

A new BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT POLICIES document was approved as presented by the Trustees. It includes General Policies and Regulations; Emergencies; Member and Church related Group Building Usage; Non-Church Related Group Building Usage; and Weddings; and Organ. Copies are available for any person from the church office.

A Wedding Planning Policy was approved as presented jointly by the Worship Committee with help given by the Trustees and Christian Women's Fellowship. Two important things include; 1) Our encouragement of the church facilities for weddings as worshipful and meaningful occasions; 2) "The bride and groom shall make an appointment with the senior pastor for scheduling and arrangements as soon as possible. This conference is required before the date is established on the church calendar, invitations printed, or any public announcement is made."

A recommendation of the Evangelism-Membership Committee was approved to schedule a Lay Witness Mission in the coming church year, likely in October or November.

Approval was given to the World Outreach Committee proposal for a goal of $500 for our Children's Day Outreach Offering on June 4th.

A Study-Response document was approved concerning the "Plan of Union of the Church of Christ Uniting". This allowed our church to speak and make comment on this document which was prepared for study and response.

Present were: George Bruckman, Earl Plummer, David Griggs, Harold Crowder, Ray Fredericks, Jim Ruble, Hendricks Love, Ben Taylor, Al. Schell, Wm. Caldwell, Bert Leversee, Ralph Church, Floyd Morrical; Bud Ludwig, Herb. Banet, Ron Aker, Walter Keebortz, Robert Hendricks, Max Finkhousen, Arthur Mowery, Delmas Young, Bud O'Laughlin; Margaret Love, Virginia Bruckman, Elaine Conrad, Ruth Plummer, Mary Love; Wendell Glass; Debbie Allen; Edna Vaught; Miriam Bixenman, Harold Cline.

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Mrs. Dorothy Leggett
Mrs. Ruby Leggett
Mrs. Doris Lemming
Mr. & Mrs. James Lesher
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Libbey

Calvin Long
Merle J. Long
Mrs. Ilene McClogg
Warren Lee McFarren
Mrs. Waunita McKinley

Mrs. Mary Ann McLellan
Barbara McNamee
Paul Maholm
Raymond O. Maple
Mrs. Iva Martin

CAR WASH

The CYF sponsored Car Wash had to be postponed last Saturday because of rain. Therefore it has been re-scheduled for this Saturday, May 20 on the parking lot from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Cars will be washed and cleaned inside and out for a $1.00 donation.

PRAYER-STUDY GROUPS

The combined morning and afternoon study groups will meet with Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell, Monday morning, May 22 at 10 A.M. The study assignment is pages 96-103, the textual information, and "To Do" session 10 in "TEACHING THE BIBLE IN THE CHURCH."

The evening group will also meet at the home of Mrs. Bixenman at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, May 22. The study assignment is pages 1-14 in Barclay's GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN, Vol 1. Anyone interested in either group is invited to attend.

YOUTH NOTES:

CYFers are requested to be here before 9:00 or as soon after as poissble this week for the car wash which was postponed from last Saturday. Work as many of the hours between 9 and 4 as you can.

Both Chi Rho and CYF will meet this Sunday at the usual 6:30 P.M. The Chi Rho will enjoy Bible Charades postponed from the last meeting and a question box discussion. CYF will have a business and planning meeting for their trip and for summer events. Please be here or contact Miriam Bixenman or Delores Keebortz if you plan to go on the trip in June.

NOTICE: Chi Rho will sponsor one more paper sale this spring, sometime in June. Please save your papers and OLD TELEPHONE BOOKS! Watch TIDINGS for announcement of exact date.

FROM THE PASTOR:

SUNDAY IS PENTECOST! I truly believe that Pentecost stands equal to Christmas and Easter in the church calendar. Without Pentecost, Christmas and Easter would be irrelevant stories in history. After the ascension of Jesus, the disciples prepared for Pentecost by being in one place, in one accord, and in prayer. May we as a congregation come together on the Lord's Day to await God's Spirit. Let us prepare by earnest prayer, a sense of belonging and responsibility to one another, and by a determination to be IN WORSHIP this Sunday.

The Twentieth Century in the church had found a new awareness of the presence of God in the Holy Spirit. This has created ecumenicity in the church. This has made God a contemporary. This has brought the church a sense of power. The Holy Spirit age began on Pentecost. It points ever to Jesus Christ, through human persons like you and me. The Spirit is able if we are willing to receive what God has in store for us.

PENTECOST COMPLETES COMMITMENTS!

We are expecting 150 to 200 more commitments from individuals and families for our coming church budget year. Every elder, deacon, deaconess - every member young or old - Every person committed to fulfilling Christ's work in the world is needed to join in with giving intentions for our new church year. Place your commitment card in the offering plate or mail it to the church NOW. These gifts should reflect financial resources and the regularity of our income. They are indicators of our commitment and participation in the work of Christ.

SEE YOU ON PENTECOST SUNDAY!

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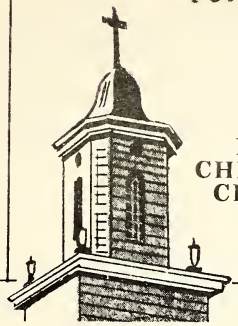

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28
7:30 A.M. Senior Breakfast - at Richards
8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "SATISFYING MEMORIES"
Text: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

Monday, May 29 - Office Closed
4:00 P.M. Evening Prayer-study Group Social Hour.

Tuesday, May 30
7:30 P.M. Celebration Worship Planning

Thursday, June 1
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday and Saturday, June 2 & 3
Youth Camp Out - Chain O'Lakes State Park

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THE PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK:
Canned Meats
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Dates are June 13-15; 20-22, from 9:30 to 12 Noon. If you need transportation call Mrs. Val Taylor, 447-2880.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

This is the first of three summer holiday weekends. It also marks the beginning of summer vacations for some. May we decide now that summer is not vacation time from God, but rather enrichment time. Whenever we are in the community, we need to be in our place at one of our three worships - 8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., or 8:00 P.M. Whenever we are gone on Sunday we need the enrichment of worship where we are. Summer opens up opportunities of worship in various communities and settings. We find that God is being worshiped by faithful people in many places and in many ways. Let's encourage others through our worship where we are!

Whenever we are in another community with friends, let's offer to worship with them. Whenever we have weekend guests, let's encourage them to join with us here at First Christian. This can be a rich sharing to worship with those with whom we enjoy doing other things. Please bring worship bulletins back and hand to the pastor or bring to the church office. Write your name on the front cover.

Summer and Vacation and Worship are together and enrich each other.

Officers Serving May 28

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Donald C. Smith; William R. Love
10:30 A.M. Ralph Church; William Crouse

DEACONS 10:30 A.M.

Herbert Banet, Robt. Hendricks, Orie McDougle Donald Pomeroy, Jack Sauerwein, Homer Stevenson, Dempsey Weaver.

DEACONESSES: May 28, June 4, 11

Mrs. Robert Rayl; Mrs. Dennis Andrew

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Robert Johnson, James Kirsch, Merland Heller, Mark Snyder.

10:30 A.M.

Bud Schryver, Rex Clifton, Don Passwater, Ed. Allen, Robert Chevalier, Robert White, Andy Cook, Merland Heller, John Hendrickson.

Hosts for Fellowship Hour

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nordblom

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PERSONAL MENTION

FUNERAL OF MEMBER: Services for Kenneth V. Lytle were conducted on Tuesday, the 23rd. Sympathy is extended to the son and daughter and families.

Services for Charles E. Dare were conducted on Thursday May 25th. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dare, Virginia and Lowell, and families.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dolly Broom in the death of her brother Harry Gantz whose services were in New Haven.

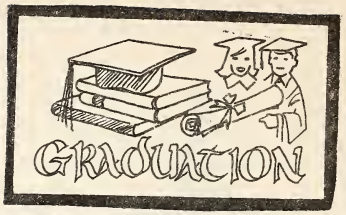
Sympathy is extended to Ray Fredericks in the death of a sister's husband whose services were held in Illinois.

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 332-Mr. Arthur Mowery; West 4th - Scott Crebb.

St. Joseph: 607- Miss Teresa Gardner
308 - Mr. Harvey Smelser

Parkview: S-103 Mrs. Jane Wambach



1972 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Debra Allen
Sarah Rebecca Banet
James Brickley
Carolyn Sue Burkett
Julie Kreischer
Laura Kreischer
Pamela Meadows
Lydia Miller
Thomas Meadows
Linda Presnell
James Taylor
Patricia Wetzel

Our CYF sponsored SENIOR BREAKFAST is at 7:30 A.M. this Sunday, May 28th. at Richard's Restaurant, Paulding Rd. at Hanna The seniors are special guests and the parents are invited also.

The Baccalaureate Worship Service will be Sunday, June 4th at 10:30 A.M. The seniors will be robed for this service in which Dr. Cline will preach on "FINDING WHOLENESS".

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Janet Plummer Brodie
Gloria McVay Cochran
Michael Romane Cole
Jolene Wilhelm Dickey
John W. Williams, II
Jessie Fern Woodward - Masters

If either high school or college graduates have been omitted please contact the church office so that we might be informed. We desire to know who is graduating.

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You expect God's grace in summer as well as in winter. Has He not a right to your all-year-round devotion? -Copied

LOCK CARS: On both week days and last Sunday morning, we have had problems of persons rummaging through unlocked cars on our parking lot. It is wise to lock cars whenever they are parked on our lot. Do not invite stealing.

LOST - ONE AUTO FLOOR MAT!

Did anyone who came to the car wash last Saturday discover that they had a black floor mat that did not belong to them? If so, please return it to the church or to Ted Bryan.

ADDITIONAL PERSONS ENROLLED IN SUMMER CAMPS AND CONFERENCES AT BARBEE:

Pat Olson - Camp 5-6, July 16-22
Scott Rayl - Conference 11-12, August 6-12
Douglas Olson - Conference 11-12, Aug. 6-12
Marty Cole - Camp 5-6, July 2-8
Jim Taylor, Conference 11-12, August 6-12
Barbara Finkhousen - Camp 5-6; July 16-22
Val Williams - Camp 9-10, July 30-Aug. 5

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Ireta Miller
Betty Miller
Mrs. Robert Miller
William R. Miller
Mrs. Cleatus J. Moffitt
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Charles Mumy
Joan Mumy
Mrs. Thomas Munson
Mrs. Ronald L. Myers
Joseph Neville
Mrs. Austin Nomina
Mrs. Daniel J. Olive
Dorothy Louise Ormand
Jean Mary Ormand
Thomas F. Owen
Mrs. Sallie Parker
William Parker

Mrs. W.E. Pretzer
Mrs. Lloyd Putt
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Reddick
Nancy Ann Reddick
Stephen E Reddick
Herman Redmerski
Laverne Reed
Robert Rinehart
Beatrice Rinehart
John & Nancy Ritchie
Mrs. Harold Roberts
Mrs. Verne Rodiger
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Roseberry
Charles & Joyce Rudicel
Barbara Rudicel
John A Sanders
Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Schmidt
Robert Lee Scott
Edward Sechler
Mrs. Phyllis Sechler

Robert Shearer
Miss Shirley Sidle
Mr. Mrs Ralph Simmons
Dennis Smith
Robert Smith
Shirley Smith
Robert Dean Snow
Hugh D. Snow
Mrs. Herman Sorg
Charles Staley
Mrs. Scott Stephans
Harold A. Stigers
Daryl Stigers
Michael Stigers
Donald Lee Straw
Joan Elaine Straw
Mrs. Harold E. Strickler
John R. Sullivan
R. Micharl Symms

THE MORE GENERATION

THAT'S US! THE WHOLE NATION!

The more generation! We've got more of just about everything than any generation before us. Sure, we've got more inflation, more bills and more taxes than any previous generation. But we've also got more income, more leisure time, and more things than any nation in history.

The 1970 census showed that the median family income for the U.S. was $9,870 as compared to $3,300 for 1950. When that is adjusted on the basis of purchasing power (i.e., what a dollar will buy) it comes out to $6,100 today as compared to $3,300 in 1950.

We must all face the fact that we can no longer honestly say, "I can't afford to increase my church giving". If we want to be honest, we must say, "I don't to increase my church giving".

Why should we increase it? What will that get us, except more in debt? Remember the ancient Jews? Everytime God blessed them to grow and prosper, they figured they did not need Him any more. Then they got clobbered!

We look back on their long history and say, "My gosh, after 3 or 4 times getting clobbered, you would think these people would catch on'!"

Friends, look back 20 years in our history. In 1950 the average family was giving 10% of its income to Internal Revenue Service, 1/3 for military and 2/3 for all other government expenses. That average family gave 2-3% of its income to the church. They "could not afford any more."

Today the average family gives 20% of its income to IRS, 1/2 for military and 1/2 for all other government expenses. The average family gives 1-1-1/2 % of its income to the church. They could not afford any more".

Within 10 years or less, the average family will be giving 30% of their income to IRS, 2/3 for military and 1/3 for all other government expenses. Church giving may then drop to 1/2-1 %.

We are cutting God off and we are in the process of getting clobbered! The church is still our best hope for peace and as a nation, we are cutting it off. Are we any smarter than those ancient Jews?

William E. Keller in
THE CHRISTIAN BUILDER

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FROM THE PASTOR:

From all indications our giving as a congregation is going to be 30 to 35% higher this church year ending on June 30th than last year. Our budget for the new year calls for another increase of about 15%.

This might sound like a big jump, BUT our total giving is only about 1% of the annual income of all of our member families. Yes, some give 10 to 20% of income. Too many give very little or none.

We are asking that every member be represented with some commitment for the new church year. Mail or bring the COMMITMENT CARD which was mailed to you the other week. Our concern is that every Christian be REGULAR and PROPORTIONATE in his stewardship of financial resources. We need to hear from you now!

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

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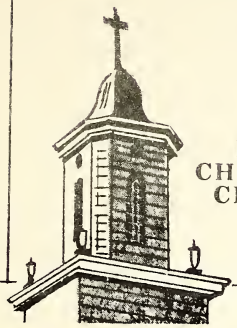

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 4 - CHILDREN'S DAY

8:00 A.M. - Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A.M. - Divine Worship
Senior Baccalaureate Service
Sermon: "FINDING WHOLENESS"
Text: Ecclesiastes 12.
8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

Tueaday, June 6

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group
8:00 P.M. Church Board

Wednesday, June 7

10:00 A.M. Spice Group
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group

Thursday, June 8

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Dates are June 13, 14, 15; 20, 21, 22, from 9:30 to 12 Noon. If you need transportation call Mrs. Val Taylor, 447-2880

THE PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK

Powdered Milk

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SUMMER INTERN BEGINS WORK

Ed. Allen, Jr. began his work on Tuesday this week as our Summer intern. We welcome him on our staff for the summer.

RADIO BROADCAST BEGINS SUNDAY:

Our 10:30 A.M. Worship Hour will be broadcast over WGL during the month of June. We invite our homebound and others prevented from attending to join in the radio audience.

This Sunday, this service also combines two special foci. Our graduating high school seniors will be observing baccalaureate. They will gather in the parlor and robe for the processional.

Gifts will be presented those who were unable to attend the Senior Breakfast. The Children's Day offering will be received in worship on the 4th and 11th. This is a special offering for World Mission to which all are invited to share.

Officers Serving June 4

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. James Ruble and Wm. Caldwell

10:30 A.M. Ben Taylor and Eugene Klepfer

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Max Finkhousen, Merle Grimm, Robert Ogles, Merle Rice, LeRoy Timbrook, Paul Yentes.

USHERS: For June - 8:00 A.M.

Scott Rayl, Doug Olson, John Weicker, Merland Heller.

10:30 A.M.

Mac Olson, Marshall Smith, Russ Wortley, Leo Trim, Robert Chevalier, Wayne Koehlinger, Merland Heller, Andy Cook, Tom Knuckles.

Hosts for Fellowship Hour

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Young

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PERSONAL MENTION

ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Julie Crouse from Northside

Dale Davis from Elmhurst

Sorry for the omission last week.

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 632 - Athur Mowery

Released last week were Margaret Love, Connie Wells and Marilyn Byers.

St. Joseph: 308 Mr. Harvey Smelser

Released was Teresa Gardner

Parkview: S-103 Mrs. Jane Wambach

THANKS!

The family of Mr. Charles Dare wish to express their thanks to members and friends for the many expressions of sympathy extended during their recent sorrow. And, especially to the Fellowship Guild for their act of kindness in serving lunch to the family.

BIRTH: To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Byers, daughter, Jennifer Dawn, born on 5/23. Grandparents are Gene and Eileen Klepfer.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 6 - Church Board meeting

June 25 - Church Office rs ordination and instal-

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YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rho Fellowship will meet at the church at 2 P.M. this Sunday afternoon for a service project - the delivering of flyers to the neighborhood for Vacation Church School in June. Following this and by 3:30 they will go to the Clines 5705 Fernwood, for a swim party and supper. Bring swim suits and towels.

CYF will have a buffet supper at the home of Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell, this Sunday at 6:30 P.M. We will learn some background information for our trip to Bethany, W.Va. and will also discuss the Celebration Worship for the following week, with which CYF will help. Both groups will dismiss in plenty of time for all of us to attend the Celebration Worship at 8 P.M.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL: In addition to the list of teachers formerly published for VCS June 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, Sherri Barnes, Donna Johnson, Rosemary Krull and Lucy Young will be teaching 1st and 2nd grade. Enrollment blanks will be available Sundays June 4 and 11. Remember, if you need transportation for your child, call Val Taylor, 447-2880, or Miriam Bixenman at the church. We have persons coming from all areas of the city.

LAST PAPER DRIVE: Our Chi Rhoers will sponsor one more paper drive this spring. It will be Saturday June 10. Bring your papers to Fellowship Hall between June 4 and 9th. THE TRUCK WILL LEAVE THE CHURCH AT 9 A.M. ON SATURDAY, SO NO PAPERS CAN BE ACCEPTED after that time. If you need papers picked up, call Steve Bruckman, 485-0168; Val Taylor 447-2880; Bob Urich, 748-7709, or the Church. before noon on Thursday. Chi Rhoers are reminded that Steve would like everyone to be at the church at 1:00 on Friday to pick up papers, as well as 9:00 on Saturday, June 9 and 10.

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From Column One

lation Service at 10:30 A.M.

July 2 - Youth Commissioning for Camp and Conference.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUMMERTIME allows for new and varied experiences within our church fellowship. We rejoice in this listing of coming events in our common life. Take advantage of opportunities and spread the word to others.

REGULAR WORSHIP AND STUDY EVERY SUNDAY:

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship - Come before the heat of the day.
9:15 A.M. Church School -- Classes for all age groups and interests
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship - Regular worship experience of church.
8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship - Accent on the Participation - Come as you are - Late Sunday Opportunity.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL for children of age 3 through sixth grade -
9:30 to 12:00 A.M. - June 13, 14, 15; and 20, 21, 22

FAMILY CAMP OUTS - Open to interested campers
July 21-25
August 11-13
August 25-27 - District One Convention at Camp Barbee
September 15-17

ADVENTURE DAYS FOR CHILDREN
Kindergarten children from 10:30 to 1:00 on July 12, Young's Bee Farm
Grades 3 and 4 on July 26
Grades 5 and 6 on August 2 for a Sleep-out
Grades 1 and 2 on August 9

SPECIAL YOUTH HI GHLIGHTS:
CYF Trip to Bethany, West Virginia, and Hiram and C evelabd, Ohio June 23 - 25
Chi Rho Camp Out - July 7-9
CYF Planning Camp Out - Spetember 30, 31
State Youth Camps at Barbee from July 2 through August 19

COLLEGE AND CAREER SUMMER STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
Opening Night - June 19th at Clines .. 5:30 Swim; 7:00 Cook-out; 8:00 Group
Each Monday Evening - June 19 - August 28

COMMUNITY MOVIES FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND CONFIDENCE IN STANDARDS
Wednesday Afternoons and evenings from July 19 through August 9

HELP ... HELP ... FIND OUR MISSING PERSONS ... HELP ... HELP!

The following are a part of the listed members of our congregation for whom we have no mailing address. Will you kindly assist by securing the full address including phone and zip number? Will you work through any persons or avenues through which you can secu re information? If any have transferred to other churches, give us the church name and the date of change. if any are deceased let us know. We need to find out where people are in order to love them and serve them responsibly as a congregation. Write down information and hand to pastor or send to office.

William Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. Georgiana Teeters
Mrs. James Thayer
Mrs. Kenneth Thomas
William Trumbower
Mrs. Helen Trump
Mary Valentine
Jerry Van Dyke
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. P. Vunora
Mrs. Roy Wagner
Mrs. Jean (Redman) Wasson
Mrs. Millard Wells
Mrs. J. A. Whitbey
Robert & Doris White
Russell Wilkins
Mr. & Mrs. David H. Williams
Mrs. Richard Wills
Mrs. LeRoy Wise
Paul & Sandra Wittmer
Mr. & Mrs. William Woods
C. E. Woodward
Mrs. June Woolery
Glenn Yagerlehner
Robert A. Young
Mrs. Lawrence Zebrung
Kenneth Zingrebe, Jr.
Michael Zingrebe
Marlu Zingrebe
Mrs. W. F. Zuber

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The BRUMMEL Group will meet Thursday, June 1, at 7:30 P. M. for dinner. Worship by Mrs. Jerry Young.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Ruth Ogles, 3322 Rosewood Dr. Tuesday, June 6, at 9 A. M.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 3233 Chancellor Dr. Wednesday, June 7 at 9 A. M. Program by Mrs. W. A. Houk; Worship by Mrs. Fred Smell. This will be a carry-in luncheon.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Truby, 440 Englewood Ct. Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30 P. M.

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BIT OF NEWS: Our new Church School Class for young adults - Singles to 35 or couples totaling no more than 70, recently chose a new name, the OMS Class. Ask them what the name means Ruby Cline is the class teacher. Tom Knuckles was elected president; Rosemary Krull, the secretary.

FROM THE PASTOR:

I write out of a deep concern. Recently, we made our financial commitments for budget giving for the coming church year. This is a responsibility for every member of the church. To date, we have received only 184 commitments including children for a weekly total of $1,196. I recognize that these are only giving intentions rather than a legal pledge or actual giving. Yet, the church leadership needs the confidence that we will rise to our new budget level of $94,600 for the year or $1,819 weekly.

Our church should be having between 350 to 500 making a commitment and giving weekly! In other words, twice as many need to be heard from. Secondly, our commitments need to reflect the inflation of many of our incomes today. We give as we prosper.

PRAYER - ACTION - ENCOURAGEMENT - Let these be our passwords climbing our current hill.

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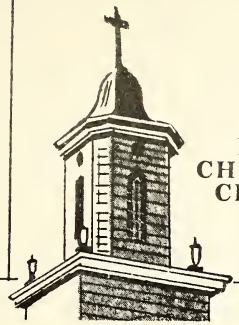

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 11

8:00 A.M. - Meditative Worship
9:13 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A.M. - Divine Worship
Sermon: "THE STRUGGLE OF LIFE"
Text: Isaiah 55:8, 9; Matthew 26: 36-44
8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

Monday, June 12

6:15 P.M. Fellowship Guild Carry-in Dinner

Tuesday, June 13

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group

Wednesday, June 14

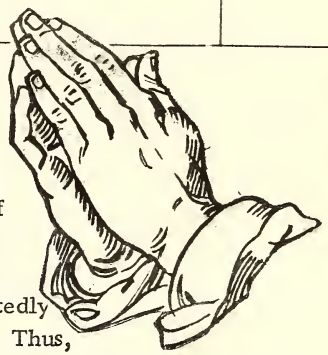
6:30 P.M. Nelson Group at the Pagoda Inn
8:00 P.M. Nelson Group at Church

Thursday, June 15

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 to 12 Noon - June 13, 14, 15. If you need transportation call Mrs. Val Taylor, 447-2880

THE PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK
Soups
Soda Crackers
Peanut Butter



"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"
Luke 11:1

This request of the disciples rings down through the years and is repeatedly asked by us today. Thus, the question will become the basis of a series of five sermons beginning Sunday.

We encourage all to share in these sermons in worship on Sunday morning or during June over WGL Radio - 1250 on your dial.

William Law wrote: "Prayer is the nearest approach to God, the highest enjoyment of Him that we are capable of in this life."

Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote: "Prayer is the soul of religion ... Failure in prayer is the loss of religion itself in its inward and dynamic aspect of fellowship with the eternal."

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY!"

June 11 - "THE STRUGGLE OF LIFE"
Isaiah 55: 8, 9; Matthew 26: 36-44
June 18 - "THE POWER OF PRAISE"
I Thessalonians 5: 18; Philippians 4: 4-7
June 25 - "THE LISTENING TO GOD"
I John 4: 7-21; I Samuel 3: 1-10
July 2 - "THE CENTERING OF LIFE"
Romans 8: 1-17; II Corinthians 5: 14-21
July 9 - "THE FOCUS ON OTHERS"
Ephesians 3: 14-21; Colossians 1: 9-14

Officers Serving June 11

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. David Griggs; George Bruckman

10:30 A.M. Hendricks Love; Bert Leversee

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Ronald Aker, Dennis Andrew, Larry Barnes, Marvin Crouse, Thomas Frappier, John Hechler, and Leon Johns.

DEACONESSES: June 11

Mrs. Robert Rayl ; Mrs. Dennis Andrew

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Scott Rayl, Doug, Olson, John Weicker, Merland Heller.

10:30 A.M.

John Olson, Marshall Smith, Russ Wortley, Leo Trim, Robert Chevalier, Wayne Koehlinger, Merland Heller, Andy Cook, Tom Knuckles.

HOSTS FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Klepfer

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PERSONAL MENTION

SYMPATHY is extended to Ronald Aker and family in the death of his father Howard Aker, on Sunday morning, the 4th.

EXCUSE US PLEASE: Recent errors in respect to persons in THE TIDINGS include:

Tom Leek is the new president of the O.M.S. Class rather than Tom Knuckles as stated last week.

Julie Crouse graduated from Snider High School rather than North Side.

Thomas Penny was the high school graduate the other week rather than Thomas Meadows, as listed.

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 717 - Doris Koehlinger; 308 - Harvey Smelser; 303 - Mrs. Sadie Kattas; Miss Anita Fitch was in and out last week.

Lutheran: 632 - Mr. Arthur Mowery; 410 - Miss Julie Hendricks.

Parkview: Mrs. Jane Wambach has been released.

MAY AVERAGES:

Church Worship	345
Church School	160
Budget Giving	$ 1,533.97
Appeal Giving	$ 424.77

MAY ADDITIONS:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Armella Newman

CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP CHANGE:

During the Summer months our program during worship is slightly altered:

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship - Care in both Crib and Toddler room and in Age 2-4 Rm.

10:30 A.M. Divine Worship - Care in Crib and Toddler Room, in Age 2-4 Room, and downstairs for Kindergarten and First Graders. This latter group begins after the Children's Sermonette. We are asking our Second, Third, & Fourth Grades to remain in worship after the sermonette.

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship - No regular Child Care unless requested ahead of time or on a regular basis.

RADIO BROADCAST THIS MONTH:

Our 10:30 A.M. Worship is being broadcast each Sunday of June. This is a different month than we have had in recent years. We encourage our sick and homebound to share our worship, by way of the radio - WGL from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M., each Sunday at 1250 on the radio dial. Invite others to join with us. This is a part of our ministry to those who cannot be with us within our worship nave regularly.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDES:

THE SECRET PLACE is mailed to our persons in Special Care each quarter. POWER is likewise mailed to our servicemen and college youth who are out of town. We are trying to say, "WE CARE!" Copies are available for any users at the church.

OUR 1972 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL OPENS NEXT WEEK

Enrollment forms are to be turned in Sunday or before. All children of age 3 through sixth grade in the spring are welcome. Sessions will be from 9:30 to 12 Noon, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 13, 14, 15 and June 20, 21, 22.

Transportation will be provided since staff comes from all directions - call Mrs. Val Taylor, 447-2880 or Mrs. Bixenman 744-3239.

The Pantry Program will receive the special offering of the children within our Vacation Church School. Encourage and bring children for this concentrated 15 hours of learning experience within two weeks. The Theme will be "GOD'S PEOPLE MUST CHOOSE"

WE REJOICE AND THANK OUR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF IN ADVANCE:

Co-chairmen - Jackie Bryan, Val Taylor, Nila Schilling
Nursery Care for Staff only - Schellie Schell, Brenda Lee
Nursery Class for Age 3 & 4 - Karen Flickinger, Sue Knuckles, Cindy Bryan, They will study "It's Summer and We're 3"
Kindergarten - Andrea Benny, Ruth Bozarth, Sharon Fredericks, Kathy Bryan -"Love One Another"
First & Second Grades - Donna Johnson, Rosemary Krull, Lucy Young, Cheri Barnes -"Hi! Neighbor."
Third & Fourth Grades - Peg Buskirk, Nancy Wortley, Judy Passwater, Val Williams - "We Need Each Other".
Fifth & Sixth Grades - Ed. Allen, Jr. Sally Cline - "Choose!"
Music - Connie Knight and Ruth Plummer
Kitchen - Penny Beachley, Lori Passwater, Kenny Taylor

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SHARE IN WORLD MISSION THROUGH CHILDREN'S DAY OFFERING ON SUNDAY

The total Church School offering and additional offering from special envelopes will be re-recived this Sunday the 11th, for this special Outreach work. Notice how far we have come through our sharing through the years.

As late as 1901 the Children's Day offering was being taken for "heaven missions". The pendant souvenir illustrated is a graphic reminder of that concept.

In 1972 we are observing Children's Day to end further financial support to the missions of churches which were being established through those early offerings. Many of the missions are now directed by persons who trace their ancestry back to the "heathen" of several generations ago.

Our missionaries are now moving from the "director role" in missions to the "partner role" This is certainly scriptural.

Some of our overseas missions have now grown strong enough to send their own missionaries out to share the good news of the gospel. For example , the one million member United Church of Christ (Kyodan) in Japan now has 19 persons working abroad on various support bases.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman and Miss Mildred Hutchinson, 422 W. Oakdale Drive for a carry-in dinner at 6:15 P.M. Monday, June 12. Program will be the Installation of Officers.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Hall, 3406 MacArthur Dr. on Tuesday, June 13, at 8:00 P.M.

The GAMBOE Group will meet at the Church on Tuesday, June 13 at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich is hostess. Program by Mrs. Norma Andrew; Worship by Mrs. Lillian Scott.

The NELSON Group will meet at the Pagoda Inn in South Gate at 6:30 P.M. Wednesday, June 14 and at the Church that same evening at 8:00 PM Program by Mrs. Delores Overmyer; Worship By Mrs. Miriam Bixenman

The GENERAL MEETING OF CWF will be on June 20, at 7:30 P.M. Installation of Officers.

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CELEBRATION WORSHIP

This Sunday June 11, at the Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. in our Church Parlor a group of our youth will be presenting a brief but provocative original drama. Following the drama, those attending the worship will have opportunity to discuss with the players their feelings and reactions as they played their parts. Taking part in the drama are: Jim Taylor, Doug. Olson, Debbie Allen, Pam Meadows, Mary Jenkins, Jody Eckert, and Barbara Taylor, Kathy Bryan. Assisting with the remainder of the service will be Ed. Allen, Jr., and Miriam Bixenman.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

A special congregational meeting is called for 10:15 A.M. this Sunday to act on two motions of spending from THE BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND.

PAPER SALE -

The last paper sale to be sponsored by our Chi Rho Fellowship this year is this Saturday, June 10 Papers must be at the church by Friday evening, as the truck will leave here soon after 9:00 A.M. Saturday and positively no papers can be accepted after that time. If you need pick up service, calll Bob Urich, 748-7709, Ben Taylor, 448-2880 or Steve Bruckman, 485-0168, no later than Thursday.

Old Telephone books may by accepted.

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FROM THE PASTOR:

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ!

First Christian Church is trying to enable all persons to be alive in Christ Jesus. Many are aware that we have been working hard to have addresses and know of the current church status of every member of the church. Much has been said about financial commitment which is an enabling force which allows the church to serve and minister to others. We have moved to multiple worships which give variant patterns and diverse times. Our Vacation School, Summer camps, and Adventure Days are designed for our young. We are trying to improve our contact with homebound and older members -- You noticed the comment about the regular mailing of THE SECRET PLACE. A new summer program begins on June 19th for our College and Career singles. The Brummel CWF Group and the OMS Church School Class have opened new opportunities for younger adult singles and couples.

Remember - Our efforts are designed for not a few but for ALL - We are anxious that all find the most possible in Jesus Christ.

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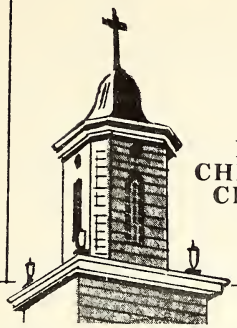

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 18

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:15 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. - Divine Worship

Sermon: "THE POWER OF PRAISE"

Text: I Thessalonians 5: 18; Philippians 4: 4-7

8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

Monday, June 19

5:30 P.M. - College & Career at Clines

Tuesday, June 20

7:30 P.M. CWF General Meeting - Installation of Officers

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, June 20, 21, 22

Vacation Church School

9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon - If you need transportation call Mrs. Val Taylor, 447-2880

Wednesday, June 21

7:00 P.M. Meeting of new elders

8:00 P.M. Meeting of all elders

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 23, 24, 25

CYF Trip.

THE PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK

Canned Meats

Main Dish Meals

Canned Fruit Juices

SERMON - "THE POWER OF PRAISE"

I Thessalonians 5:18

Philippians 4: 4-7

Sermons on "Prayer" continue in both Sunday morning worships - 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. is a participant service of Praise and Thanks.

George Buttrick in his classic book, PRAYER, lists out six basic laws of prayers:

1) We must be honest in prayer. We must be honest with ourself and with God. Luther said "Don't lie to God".

2) We must be very definite in prayer. Be specific. Use names and particular items. Not lost in generalities.

3) God cannot grant a selfish request. We are not just spoiled children in family of God getting whatever we cry for.

4) God always knows best. We see from present stance rather than long view.

5) God will not do for us that which we can do for ourselves. Prayer is not evading responsibility or work.

6) Prayer moves within natural laws which govern life. Prayer is not an escape from reality, but rather a conquest of it.

Officers Serving June 18

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Ray Fredericks, Glenn Miller

10:30 A.M. Floyd Morrical, George Bruckman

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Steven Bruckman, Walter Keebortz, Charles Ludwig, Arthur Mowery, E.M. O'Laughlin, Robert Petty, Delmas Young

DEACONESSES: June 18, 25

Mrs. Russell Wortley, Mrs. Charles Ludwig

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Scott Rayl, Doug Olson, John Weicker, Merland Heller.

10:30 A.M.

John Olson, Marshall Smith, Russ Wortley, Leo Trim, Robert Chevalier, Wayne Koehlinger, Merland Heller, Andy Cook, Tom Knuckles.

HOSTS FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Passwater

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PERSONAL MENTION

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE GRADUATE

Lynn Gumpp finished a B.S. in French this Spring at Ball State University.

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 308 - Mr. Harvey Smelser; 717 -Mrs. Doris Koehlinger.

Parkview: 738- Mrs. Marge Lehman; 503 - Mr. Leo Trim.

BIRTH - To Julia & Kenneth Wolfe, Maren Renee 6/11/72. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson.

STAFF VACATIONS:

Harold Cline - July 10 to August 11

Miriam Bixenman - August 18 - September 5 plus week days of a week in Fall.

Edna Vaught - July 10-17; July 24-August 6

Arthur Mowery - June 18 to July 4 (unpaid)

Barbara Short - November 12 to 26 (unpaid)

ADDITIONAL YOUTH TO CAMP

Nancy Hendricks , Camp 56; July 16-22

Debbie Allen - Conference 11-12, August 6-12

RESPONSE TO INVITATION SUNDAY:

Mrs. Vernabell Moore, 5330 Goshen Rd. Lot 39, identified with our congregation in a transfer of membership on Sunday. We welcome her in this move from the First Christian Church of Warsaw. Mrs. Moore is presently employed at Western Union, but looks for retirement later this month. She is widowed and the mother of a daughter in Georgia and a son in Canada. We welcome her in this common bond of discipleship in our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE TO COMMITMENTS FOR NEW CHURCH YEAR:

Number of commitments	233
Weekly giving of these	$1,389.55

Loose and church school offerings generally average about $80.00 per week.

We are anxious to hear FROM EVERY MEMBER We need your participation with us in the ongoing support of the church. Our giving this church year is exceeding the budget goal. We want to rise to the challenge of next year beginning July 1. Will you mail your commitment card at your earliest convenience!

We feel confident that we can achieve our new goal of $1,819 weekly or $94,600 for the year. Our sense of optimism can be supported by the response by all members now indicating their intended giving for the coming church year. We ask the support of every member locally or elsewhere whether giving 10¢ per week or $10 per week, or $50 per week. Growth comes when we give aa regularly as our income and on a generous percentage base of our income.

NOTE CONCERNING CHURCH ENVELOPES:

Although our budget year is July 1 to June 30, our giving envelopes are on the calendar year basis. Continue using the same set after July 1. If you need envelopes please contact the church office. Our envelopes provide for anonymity in giving during worship and also a record for tax purposes.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF CHURCH BOARD, JUNE 6, 1972

The approved treasurer's report indicated a deficit of $1,290 in spite of giving above budget goals. This sets forth the need of maximal giving to complete the church year in the black as of June 30th.

Approval was given and sustained by a congregational decision on Sunday to spend up to $4,000 from the new Building and Equipment Fund to (1) replace our office Offset Printing machine and (2) prepare a room and secure new equipment for the secretarial staff.

Upon recommendation of the Education Department, a new Church School policies document was approved. Also approved was the showing of family type Disney movies for four weeks on Wednesday afternoons and evenings beginning July 19. This is especially designed for children and families of the neighborhood, but is open for a small donation to anyone.

Mrs. Barbara Short was hired as the new Receptionist-secretary as soon after July 1, as feasible. The job description for her and for our Membership Secretary, Mrs. Edna Vaught, were approved and will be reviewed within six months. A retirement policy was set for all full-time and part-time staff help of the church. It calls for annual review between 65 and 70 and then automatic retirement as that time. A rider explained the retirement policy for Mrs. Vaught. In the absence of a sick-pay policy, the continuance of full pay for two-weeks and half-pay for two weeks were approved for Arthur Mowery.

A motion was approved which elected Al Schell to Elder Emeritus rather than as an active Elder and Barton A. Johnson as Minister Emeritus.

The C.W.F. announced the installation of the air Conditioner in the Crib-Toddler room. The Worship department announced the church officer ordination and installation service for the 10:30 A.M. Worship Hour on Sunday June 25, 1972.

The elders are to follow up on a discussion concerning temporary help and continuing help from our church to the Aboite Christian Church. We are currently filling the pulpit - Miss Marge Green on the 4th, Ed. Allen on the 11th, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman on the 18th. Dr. Cline will explore this matter further both with the Aboite Church and with the elders.

Present were: Guest, Bret Young; Members: George Bruckman, Andy Cook, Ted Bryan, William Love, Harold Crowder, Donald Smith, David Griggs, Jim Ruble, Ray Fredericks, Ben Taylor, Al Schell, Ralph Church, William Caldwell, Bert Leversee, Floyd Morrical, William Crouse; Bud Ludwig, Merle Grimm, Walter Keebortz, Delmas Young, Max Finkhousen, Robert Hendricks, Jack Sauerwein, Merle Rice, Virginia Bruckman, Mary Love, Elaine Conrad, Nancy Wortley, Edna Nordblom,; Walter Birkhold, David Hogg, Wendell Glass, Hugh Rice, Debbie Allen Edna Vaught, Miriam Bixenman, Ed. Allen, Jr., Harold Cline.

COLLEGE & CAREER STUDY DISCUSSION GROUP

A Monday evening study-discussion group for college and career young adults will begin on Monday, June 19, at 5:30 P.M. at the Harold Cline home, 5705 Fernwood. Bring your swim suits for a 5:30 swim. We will have a cook-out at 7:00 and the study-discussion at 8:00. Text to be used is the Unfolding Drama of The Bible, by Bernhardt Anderson. This will be a serious study to encounter God through the basic motifs of the Bible.

CYF TRIP

CYFers will be leaving for their annual trip soon after noon on Friday, June 23, to go to Bethany, West Virginia, where they will visit Bethany College and the restored birthplace of Alexander Campbell. From there we will travel to Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, and on to Cleveland to visit the Cleveland Home for Children, which is supported through out Church's mission giving. We will return to Fort Wayne on Sunday evening June 25.

OUR PANTRY SERVES THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE:

Our Pantry program was begun in February to serve emergency food and clothing needs especially for Welfare Dept. referrals for temporary and emergency help which could not be cared for through government channels. Sense in terms of people this report:

FAMILIES SERVED	4/17/- 6/6	Total 2/1-6/6
Food only	17	32
Clothing only	7	13
Food and Clothing	2	5

FOOD DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS:

47 adults and 130 children are included in the 37 families receiving food.

105 days of meals were supplied for families.

1,525 individual meals were planned and foodstuffs provided by THE PANTRY.

Jesus said, "I was hungry and you fed me;
I was naked, and you clothed me."

Thanks be to God that we can serve!

Thanks be to God for persons who enable this service through provisions and through personal service!

C.W.F. GENERAL MEETING:

Our Christian Womens's Fellowship invites all women for their annual installation of officers and June General meeting. The program features a movie, "Christian Honesty". The Worship, program, and installation will be conducted by Kathlyn Banet and Helen Williams.

Officers:

President - Judy Aker
First Vice-Pres. - Judy Church (Membership)
Second Vice-Pres. - Lillian Scott (publicity)
Recording Secretary - Virginia Bruckman
Corresponding Secretary - Val Taylor
Treasurer - Gwynth Rice

Directors:

Study Director - Miriam Bixenman
Worship Director - Deanna Ruble
Service Director - Betty Grimm

Group Leaders:

Kepple - Reba Fusselman
Spice - Rychie Smell
Higdon - Irene Cline
Fellowship Guild - Edna Vaught
Gamboe - Judy Church
Montgomery - Rosalie Hall
Nelson - Bea Rice
Brummel - Jeanne Gerow

ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION WORSHIP:

During the opening 15 minutes of our 10:30 A.M., Worship on June 25th, will be this special service for our new church officers recently elected and also our continuing elders, deacons, deaconesses, and trustees.

We are asking that every officer make an attempt to be present for this service.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

THANKS to Judy Church for serving as our registrar on this first day of Vacation Church School. We have 64 children now enrolled.

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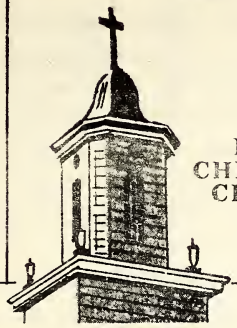

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 25
8:00 A.M. - Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School
10:30 A.M. - Divine Worship
Sermon: "THE LISTENING TO GOD"
Text: I John 4" 7 - 21; I Samuel 3: 1-10
8:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

THE PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK
Canned Meats
Main Dish Meals
Powdered Milk

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Monday, June 26
7:30 College and Career Bible Study and Fellowship Group with Allens, 306 E. Maple Grove.
Tuesday, June 27
7:30 P.M. New Church Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, July 1
10:00 A.M. to $:00 P.M. Adventure Day for retirees & widowed persons to Amish Acres and Church World Service Center at Nappanee, Ind.
Sunday, July 2
10:30 A.M. Summer Camp and Conference Commissioning Service for youth participants and adult counselors.

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY" Luke 11:1

This sermon series continues during both Meditative and Divine Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 A.M., this Sunday on the theme, "THE LISTENING TO GOD". Read I John 4: 7-21; and I Samuel 3: 1-10 in preparation for this worship experience.

Louis Evely in his book, OUR PRAYER, says, "Prayer is listening to God's prayer to us".

He also makes this telling analysis, "The religion of what one does for God: those poor, hard sad things one does for God: Mortifications, sacrifices, privations - is pagan religion. The Greeks thought that God did not love man, that it was men who loved God. So they crawled to him to steal a little of his warmth and light which is what we do too often when we pray - crawl to God to wheedle something out of him. But Christianity is the religion of what God does for us, the great things, the marvels he does in the poverty of his servants."

This sermon is the last one which will be broadcast over WGL-1250 on the radio dial from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. We invite our sick and homebound to join us for the radio broadcast.

Our returning CYF travelers will be a part of our Celebration Worship experience at 8:00 P.M.

Officers Serving June 25

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. William Crouse; Jack Weicker

10:30 A.M. Andrew Cook; Earl Plummer

DEACONS: 10:30 A.M.

Herbert Banet, Robt. Hendricks, Orie McDougle, Donald Pomeroy, Jack Sauerwein, Homer Stevenson, Dempsey Weaver.

DEACONESSES: June 25

Mrs. Russell Wortley; Mrs. Charles Ludwig

USHERS: 8:00 A.M.

Scott Rayl, Doug Olson, John Weicker, Merland Heller.

10:30 A.M.

John Olson, Marshall Smith, Russ Wortley, Leo Trim, Robert Chevalier, Wayne Koehlinger, Merland Heller, Andy Cook, Tom Knuckles.

HOSTS FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor

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PERSONAL MENTION

BIRTH: to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice K. Sperry, a son, Chad Maurice on June 11. Maternal Grandparents are Bill and Jo Franklin.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Walter and Ethel Birkhold in the death of his brother, Harry, on Sunday.

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 340 Mr. Walter Birkhold

Parkview: 503 Mr. Leo Trim; 738 Mrs. Marge Lehman.

READERS for RADIO SCRIPT of BROADCAST

William Love has filled in at the close of our radio broadcast for the first three weeks and Bill Franklin will cover on the 25th for these closing moments over the air.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Rev. and Mrs. Barton A. Johnson as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday in Covington, Ky. Several of our people are going to share the occasion.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Some have raised question about our adult church school program. We have graded classes for all children and youth on two year cycles through high school. This spring we added several elective classes for the adults. The following is our adult class grouping through Labor Day Sunday, September 3.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CLASS - for college and young working singles. This class is taught by John Thompson and meets in the east end of the Parlor on the First floor. Our 1972 graduating seniors are urged to join in with this class during these summer months.

O.M.S. CLASS - this new class formed for younger adults - couples and singles with a single age under 35 or a combined couple age under 70 meets in the NW corner of Fellowship Hall. Ruby Cline is teaching this group which is currently engaged in a Bible Study under the theme "The New Look of the Christian".

"58 CLASS - This class for singles and couples and taught by Jack Weicker elected to not meet for this six months but to join the elective classes.

COME DOUBLE CLASS - This class for singles and couples meet in the SW corner of Fellowship Hall and is studying the uniform lessons.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS - Harold Crowder teaches this mixed class in the Chapel.

FRIENDLY CLASS - Jennie Morrical teaches this group of women in the west parlor.

Christian Communications Class - This six month elective class meets in the Christian Education office on the second floor of the administrative unit. Miriam Bixenman teaches this group.

Christian Family Study - Bill and Margaret Love are co-teachers for this elective class which meets in the central section of Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study - Romans - Jack Williams assisted by Edna Vaught, teach this elective class in the east portion of Fellowship Hall.

JOIN US IN CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:15 A.M.

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION AT 10:30 A.M., THIS SUNDAY

All continuing and all recently elected church officers will share in this special worship experience at 10:30 A.M. this Sunday, the 25th. All officers are asked to gather in the Fellowship Hall by 10:20 A.M. in order to be ready for the Processional Hymn. Listed below are our officers to be installed and/or ordained this Sunday in preparation for our new church year which begins on July 1.

Elders Emeritus: Walter C. Birkhold; Robert E. Clipp; Alfred O. Schell

ELDERS -	1973 -	1974 -	1975 -
	Ralph E. Church	Andrew C. Cook	* Larry Barnes
	Harold W. Crowder	William Crouse	* George Davis
	Ray Fredericks	David Griggs	* Walter Keebortz
	Eugene Klepfer	Bert Leversee	John E. Merrill
	Glenn Miller	Earl Plummer	Hugh D. Rice
	Cecil Rice	Robert Rayl	* Wm. Schilling
	Dr. James Ruble	Rolland Ripple	J. Fred Smell
		* Merle D. Rice	* Mark Snyder

DEACONS:	1973	1974	1975	1975
	Dennis Andrew	Thomas Frappier	Ed. Allen, Sr.	A.E. Huddleston
	Herbert Banet	John F. Hechler	Walter Bowen	Robert Johnson
	Marvin Crouse	Robt. Hendricks	Romane Cole	Wayne Koehlinger
	Max Finkhousen	Orie McDougle	Stanley Cole	Vernon Moore
	Merle Grimm	Robert Ogles	Ronald Gerow	Thomas Ogles
	Leon H. Johns	Robert Petty	Walter Gumpp	Raymond Russell
	Arthur Mowery	Donald Pomeroy	Clarence Hetrick	Russell Wortley
	E.M. O'Laughlin			
	LeRoy Timbrook			
	Paul E. Yentes			

DEACONESSES:

1973 -	1974 -	1975 -	
Mrs. Dennis Andrew	Mrs. Ronald Aker	Mrs. Myrl Beachley	Mrs. John Olson
Mrs. Ralph Church	Mrs. Max Finkhousen	Mrs. Helen Clymore	Mrs. Delores Overmyer
Mrs. Robert Hendricks	Mrs. Rolland Ripple	Mrs. Ronald Flickinger	Mrs. Jack Sauerwein
Mrs. Hendricks Love	Mrs. Russell Wortley	Mrs. Ray Fredericks	Mrs. W.J. Williams
		Mrs. Merle Grimm	Mrs. Paul Yentes
		Mrs. Carole Lee	
		Mrs. W.J. Lehman	
		Mrs. F.E. Morrical	

One Year Terms:

Church Treasurer -	Andrew C. Cook	Ass't Financial Secy	Youth Bd. Members
Ass't Treasurer-	Ronald Flickinger	Ralph Church	Kathy Bryan
Memorial, Spe. Gifts -	Herbert Banet	Romane Cole	Jim Taylor
Financial Secy -	Merle Grimm	Mrs. Harold Crowder	CWF Pres. Mrs. Aker
Church Clerk -	Mrs. Edna Vaught	Miss Mildred Hutchinson	CYF Pres.
		William Love	

STUDY GROUPS

The evening study group will meet at the home of Don and Barbara Short, 3714 S. Monroe Monday evening, June 26, at 7:30 P.M. Delores Keebortz will be the study teacher. The combined morning-afternoon groups will meet on Monday morning, July 3, at 10:00 A.M. with Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell.

CYF TRIP

CYFers and sponsors will be leaving on their trip to Bethany West Virginia, Hiram, Ohio and Cleveland this Friday, June 23. They will visit Bethany College and Hiram College, both church related and the Cleveland Children's Home, operated by the Disciples of Christ. We will return in plenty of time for the Celebration Worship here on Sunday evening. Those driving for the trip include: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Keebortz, Ed. Allen, Jr., Miriam Bixenman and Natalie Urich. Besides these persons, those going include: Doug Olson, Barbara Taylor, Lee Ann Urich, Sally Cline, Debbie Allen. Pam Meadows, and Kathy Bryan.

COLLEGE AND CAREER STUDY FELLOWSHIP:

This group will meet at 7:30 P.M. Monday June 23rd, with Ed. and Debbie Allen, 306 E. Maple Grove. Study will focus on "IN THE BEGINNING" based on Genesis 1, 2, 3, All college and career young adults are urged to participate including those recently graduated from High School.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING:

This Sunday, June 25, and that received in the mail by Tuesday, the 27th, will close out the books for our current church year. We trust all will make sure their giving is complete for this church year. Bring your gifts Sunday, or mail NOW!

AGAIN! We respectfully request that you do not use gummed tapes to seal your giving envelopes.

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS:

Interested adults of the church are asked to contact Mrs. Bixenman concerning registration for:

Ecumenical Laity Conference: July 16-19 at Indiana Central College.

Eureka Lay School of Theology: July 23-28 at Eureka College in Illinois.

The Ecumenical Laity Conference is sponsored jointly by the Christian Church, the United Presbyterian Church, and the United Church of Christ in Indiana. "Change, Threat and Promise" is the theme. Dr. Calvin Porter, Professor of New Testament at Christian Theological Seminary, will be the morning Bible Study leader. Issue groups will be chosen for three hour sessi ons each afternoon. The evening features major addresses and a symposium. Meals and housing is provided at the college.

The Eureka Lay School of Theology is an annual program which has continued for several years. It is a fellowship of spiritual searching To Understand the Word, to know the world in which God has acted and is acting, and to identify God's actions in our time.

Courses and leaders include:

"Pluralism in American Religion" led by Dr. Ronald Flowers of Texas Christian University. Various viewpoints of religious groups will be focused upon current church-state relationships and issues.

"Law and Morality" A Christian Ethical Approach" led by Dr. W Daniel Cobb of Eureka College. Is the fact that certain conduct is by common standards immoral sufficient to justify making the conduct punishable by law?"

"Getting It All Together" led by Dr. Raymend Williams of Wabash College deals with reconciliation in the New Testament.

Chaplain for this school is Samuel Rylton, Jr., a black Disciple Pastor from St. Louis.

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THANKS: Mrs. Sadie Kattas expressed thanks for the cards, flowers and prayers during her recent hospitalization.

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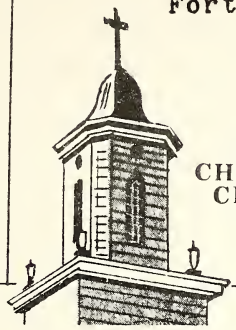

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 16
8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Guest Minister: Rev. Richard Moore
Sermon: Critical Question
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 17
7:30 P.M. College and Career Bible Study and Fellowship, in the Parlor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
2:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.
Family Movie
THE SIGN OF ZORRO

COMING SUMMER EVENTS
July 21-23 Family Camp Out
July 26 Adventure Day, Grades 3 and 4

PANTRY NEEDS
Canned fruits and vegtables

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY

Rev. Richard E. Moore of Indianapolis will preach on "CRUCIAL QUESTION", John 21:15-23 at both the 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Worship Hours this Sunday.

For over a decade Rev. Moore was the Pastor of Centenary Christian Church in Indianapolis and known for his preaching. He assumed the job as Executive Director of the East Side Multi-Service Center late in 1971. Earlier he served the Tunnel Hill Christian Church of New Albany.

He is the graduate of Milligan College and Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. He grew up in the First Christian Church of Canton, Ohio, in the same Church School Classes and Youth Fellowships as Dr. Cline. Both had fathers who were elders in the church and both made decisions for church vocations at Erieside Christian Service Camp near Cleveland.

We welcome Rev. Moore into our pulpit this Sunday.

SERVING JULY 16

Elders

8:00 A.M. Bert Leversee and William Crouse

10:30 A.M. Robert Rayl and Larry Barnes

8:00 P.M. Ralph Church

Deaconesses

Mrs. W.J. Williams, Mrs. Ronald Flickinger

Ushers

8:00 A.M. Tom Banet, Ronald Flickinger, James Kirsch

10:30 A.M. Andy Cook, Merland Heller, C. Hendrickson, Bud Schryver, Don Smith, Marshall Smith, Robert White.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks Love

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PERSONAL MENTION

In Hospitals:

Lutheran: Mr. Walter Birkhold 667; Mr. John Olson, 566

Parkview: Mrs. Marge Lehman, 734; Mrs. Blanche Hetrick is in isolation

FUNERALS BY THE PASTOR:

Robert W. Smith on 7/6/72. Sympathy is extended to Ina, his wife, and son Robert, and daughters Mary King and Dorothy Kammen and families. He was a member of West Creighton.

Enid F. Finkhousen on 7/8/72. Sympathy is extended to son Max, and family. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church.

RESPONSES TO THE INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. PAUL K. DUNHAM

R. R. #1, Ossian, identified in transfer from Christ's Church of Georgetown during Meditative Worship on Sunday morning. Paul was originally from the Woodside Christian Church of Frankfort, Indiana, and Carol from the West Side Christian Church of Springfield, Illinois. Paul is hoping to move back into educational preparation for the ministry. He is currently employed as a sales representative of Western and Southern Life Insurance Company. Carol is secretary to the Administrator of the Golden Years Homestead.

GEORGE WILLIAM LUDWIG, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ludwig, 2722 Glencairn Dr., made his confession of faith during the 10:30 Worship Hour and was baptized in the early afternoon. George will be a sophomore at Snider High School this fall. He is interested in golfing, lifting weights, and bicycling.

We welcome these into our fellowship.

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A THANK YOU

Mr. Art Mowray wishes to thank everyone who sent me cards during his recent hospital stay.

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ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We have been working with the Aboite Christian Church in supplying Sunday Morning leadership for their 10:30 A.M. Worship Hour since a conference in which help was requested on June 2. On Thursday evening, June 29th, a sharing meeting was held at Aboite. From the Aboite Church were Mrs. Bernice Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. James Garrison, Mrs. C. Wayne Huss, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Smith. From First Christian were Hugh Rice, Ray Fredericks, Ed Allen, Jr. and Dr. Cline.

Open sharing and possibilities of help and program for the future were discussed. Among the things which were commonly agreed upon were the following: 1. Continuation of the Sunday Morning leadership; 2. Notification for the First Christian staff to call on Aboite members hospitalized; 3. Publicity and sharing through the regular mailing of THE TIDINGS to the Aboite families; 4. Encouragement of publicity and calling assistance in the Aboite community; and 5. Planning towards a series of Discipleship Classes led by Dr. Cline on eight Thursday evenings, September 7th through October 26th in the homes of the Aboite area.

Members and friends of First Christian are encouraged to share in participation and interest in the Aboite Church. Likewise, we look forward to growing participation by the Aboite members and friends in the weekly 10:30 A.M. Worship Hour. Participating to date have been Ed Allen, Jr. twice, Miriam Bixenman, Marge Green twice, and Paul Dunham. Scheduled presently are:

July 16 - John Coil III
July 23 - John Coil III
July 30 - Paul Dunham
August 6 - Paul Dunham
August 13 - Ed Allen, Jr.

Information and news from the Aboite Church is welcomed for our Aboite Column each issue.

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FROM THE PASTOR (from Page 4)

He came to us from Kansas in April.

Our office will be carefully covered in these weeks to respond to all needs of the pastor. Both our Minister of Education and our Summer Intern will be available. Rev. Alec Langford of West Creighton and Rev. Laverne Ervin of North Christian have also been contacted and will help if needed.

God bless you all in these weeks. I am sure that Fort Wayne and all of you will be good to come home to in August!

Harold E. Cline

FAMILY MOVIES

Beginning on Wednesday, July 19 and continuing for four consecutive Wednesdays, we will be showing movies suitable for entertainment for the entire family at 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall. Our church family and the entire neighborhood is invited to share in these movies. The first will be *THE SIGN OF ZORRO.*

The suggested donation to help defray costs is 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children under 12. No preschool child will be admitted unless accompanied by a responsible teen-ager or an adult.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

The Family Camp Out July 21, 22, and 23 has been changed from Manopage Camp Grounds to Forest Ridge Park Family Camp Grounds near Larwill, Indiana. Entertainment at Forest Ridge includes bicycling, hayrides, horseshoes, hiking, swimming, swings and a sandbox for the small fry. Rates are $3.00 per day, plus 50¢ for electricity. Families going are to pay for their own fees, provide their own food, transportation, and equipment. If you need equipment, however, some is available for loan.

Those who plan to go are asked to meet in the church parlor immediately after the 10:30 Service this Sunday.

FROM THE PASTOR:

The vacation for the family in a major trip is now under way. The first extended and full vacation in five years is now being enjoyed as we left after Sunday morning the 9th. We are heading west to the Denver area; Salt Lake City; Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons; Caldwell, Idaho with friends; Portland and the northwest with the Richard Lauer family; down through California-San Francisco, Sequoia National Park, Los Angeles, and friends in Bakersfield; to the south rim of the Grand Canyon; and then back through Oklahoma and Texas to see Phillips University and Texas Christian University and friends in Shermon, Texas.

This is the first land trip west for any of us and we developed quite a sense of expectation before leaving. We will be back late in the week, but ready to be in the pulpit on Sunday, August 13.

I rejoice in our pulpit supply for these weeks of my absence. Respond to these who share leadership.

JULY 16 - Rev. Richard Moore

JULY 23 - A dialogue sermon by Miriam Bixenman, our Minister of Education, and Ed Allen, Jr. our Summer Intern.

JULY 30 - A joint sharing by George Bruckman, immediate past Board Chairman, and Hugh Rice, newly elected Board Chairman on "DREAMS FOR FIRST CHRISTIAN"

AUGUST 6 - Dr. Gilford E. Olmstead, the Executive Minister of the Christian Church in Ind.

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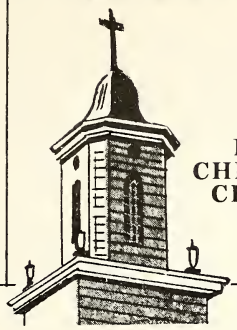

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CHURCH CALENDAR

UNDAY, JULY 23
:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
:15 A.M. Church School
0:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "Chosen for Service"
A Dialogue between Miriam Bixenman and Ed Allen, Jr.
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, JULY 24
:30 P.M. College and Career Study Group at the home of Becky Buskirk 4430 Wilmette

EDNESDAY, JULY 26
:30 A.M. Adventure Day--3rd and 4th Grades
:00 and 7:00 P.M. Family Movie THE STORY OF ROBIN-HOOD.

ANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK:
Canned fruits
Children's underwear, all sizes
Boy's clothing, size 5

OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

At both the 8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship and the 10:30 A.M. Divine Worship Services, our Minister of Education, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, and our Summer Intern, Mr. Ed Allen, Jr. will be preaching. They will be bringing us a sermon in dialogue entitled *"CHOSEN FOR SERVICE"*. The sermon focuses on the meaning of being God's Chosen People and our continuing responsibility as a Christian community. For your preparatory reading of the scriptures, the following are suggested: Exodus 3:1-21; Exodus 24:3-8; and Deuteronomy 4:25-40 and 8:1-18.

The Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. will vary from any we have enjoyed thus far. The theme will be, *"WHO AM I AND WHY AM I WHAT I AM?"* The service is under the direction of Judy Aker and Miriam Bixenman. Elder Bert Leversee will be in charge of the Communion Celebration.

We invite you to participate in any of these services. Any one is a complete service.

SERVING JULY 23

Elders

8:00 A.M. Walter Keebortz and Rolland Ripple
10:30 A.M. George Davis and Fred Smell
8:00 P.M. Bert Leversee

Deaconesses

Mrs. Earl Plummer and Mrs. Myrl Beachley

Ushers

8:00 A.M. Tom Banet, Ronald Flickinger, James Kirsch
10:30 A.M. Andy Cook Merland Heller, C. Hendrickson, Bud Schryver, Don Smith, Marshall Smith, Robert White

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PERSONAL MENTION
In Hospitals:

LUTHERAN: Mr. John Olson, 566; James Shirley, 400; Steve Knight, 400; Mr. William Schilling, 888; Mrs. Patricia Erdly, 770; Mr. Tom Penny, M-109.

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COLLEGE AND CAREER STUDY GROUP

The College and Career Study Group will meet this week on Monday evening, July 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Becky Buskirk, 4430 Wilmette. Desert will be served.

WE BELIEVE IN WRITING A LEGAL WILL AS RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS:

1. A will can provide for loved ones and those who must depend upon our responsible preparation for possible death.

2. A will can provide for responsible Christian giving especially for older couples whose obligation to children or relatives is minor or a thing of the past.

3. A will can provide an expression of love and help to others in a world of need. There is major need of Christian institutions for our undergirding financially in order that they may serve in the name of Christ in all parts of the world.

A WILL PROVIDES TANGIBLE LOVE

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JUNE AVERAGES

Church Worship	308
Church School	131
Budget Giving	$1,617.79
Centennial & Indiana Appeal Giving	$ 281.50

NEW MEMBER DURING JUNE:

Mrs. Vernabelle Moore

YOU GROW AS

YOU GIVE

FIRST CHRISTIAN MOVES TO A NEW LEVEL OF STEWARDSHIP EXPRESSION

In the Church Year which ended on June 30th, $107,799.00 was given to our church and its auxiliaries. The Hundred Thousand mark was broken for the first time in our history!

$71,790.00 was given for local operating expenses
$ 9,202.00 was given for property improvement
$26,807.00 was given for World Outreach causes

Thus our per capita giving for each of our 602 participating members was $179.00 for the year.

The Special Centennial Project of giving $15,000.00 to the Emily E. Flinn Home for completing their third floor spurred our Outreach giving on to new heights. A total of $38,912.92 was given for Outreach causes:

$14,451.23	for Operational budgets of agencies in Unified Promotion including missions, benevelence, education, and regional and national work.
$15,000.00	for our Centennial Gift to the Emily E. Flinn Home. $9,865 is still in borrowed funds of our Centennial and Indiana Appeal for a Response in Faith.
$ 5,600.00	for the Indiana Appeal for a Response in Faith.
$ 2,162.33	for Associated Churches of Allen County including the Campus Worker at IU-Purdue, Fort Wayne Campus.
$ 125.00	for the Change Through Involvement Program of our community.
$ 855.20	for the Week of Compassion and Church World Service
$ 310.00	for a Korean Orphan
$ 374.16	in cash plus the many donations for Emergency Food through our new Pantry Program and Helping Hand Fund.
$ 35.00	for Switchboard--a local response program for help.

Of these Outreach Funds, $34,676.06 was provided through general church sources while the balance came from our Christian Women's Fellowship in the amount of $3,885.43 and the rest by our Youth Fellowships and Church School classes.

Each and every giver to the Church can share in the victories accomplished for Christ through our giving during the 1971-72 Church Year. Let us move forward as responsible stewards of God's resources entrusted to our hands. Let us give <u>regularly</u> and <u>proportionately</u>--both for our church's life and work and the outreaching mission of Christ throughout our world.

FAMILY MOVIE

The family movie to be shown at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. this week in our Fellowship Hall is entitled, *"THE STORY OF ROBINHOOD"*. It is a full length color movie suitable for family entertainment. Suggested donation to help defray expenses is 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children under 12. Preschool children will not be admitted unless accompanied by a responsible teenager or an adult.

The movie for August 2 is *"SANCHO, THE HOMING STEER"*.

ADVENTURE DAYS AHEAD

ADVENTURE DAY FOR 3rd AND 4th GRADES

The annual Adventure Day for 3rd and 4th graders this year will be on Wednesday, July 26. We will visit the telephone museum, return here to the church for a sack lunch and a play time and will remain for the showing of the movie, *THE STORY OF ROBINHOOD*. Those who plan to attend are asked to be here at the church parking lot at 9:30 A.M. and to bring a sack lunch (drink will be furnished) and 25¢ for the movie. Children may be picked up at 3:30 P.M.

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ADVENTURE DAY FOR 5th AND 6th GRADERS

The Adventure Day for 5th and 6th graders will be on Wednesday, August 2. This will be an overnight experience, with groups sleeping out at two different homes. The day will include the afternoon movie here, slide making, a cook out, swimming, the sleep out, and breakfast. See next week's TIDINGS for full details.

SERVICE GIVEN UNITED CAMP AND CONFERENCE--INDIANA PROGRAM

We are pleased that we have been able to give seven full weeks of service to the United Camp and Conference--Indiana Program this sommer. Last week, Ed Allen, Jr. served as counselor at a camp for 7th and 8th graders. This week Mrs. Bixenman is directing a camp for 5th and 6th graders. Serving with her are Peggy Buskirk, Lois Finkhousen, and Pam Meadows. The week of August 6-12, Connie Wells and Ed Allen will be serving in a conference for 11th and 12th graders.

It is fitting and proper that we should help to provide leadership for these events. They are, in fact, a continuation of our ministry to youth. We send youth to these events annually and it follows that we must provide leadership.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

NDAY, JULY 30

00 A.M. Meditative Worship
15 A.M. Church School
:30 A.M. Divine Worship
alogue: "My Dreams for First ristian Church"
George Bruckman and Hugh Rice
00 P.M. Celebration Worship

NDAY, JULY 31

30 P.M. College and Career Bible Study and Fellowship, Miriam Bixenman's office

EDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

00 P.M. Adventure Day for 5th and 6th Graders begins
:00 and 7:00 P.M. Family Movie--SANCHO, THE HOMING STEER.

PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK

anned meat or main dish meals.

ATES TO REMEMBER:

ugust 9 - Adventure Day (Grades 1 and 2)

OUR SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, July 30, at both the Meditative Worship at 8:00 A.M. and at the Divine Worship at 10:30 A.M., our immediate past and present Board Chairmen, George Bruckman and Hugh Rice will be sharing with us in dialogue on the topic, "My Dreams for First Christian Church". Ray Fredericks Chairman of our elders, will be the worship assistant.

At the Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. Sunday evening, Marge Green will be leading us in an experience of Creative listening and sharing.

We invite you to participate in any of these services. Each is complete in itself, including communion at each of the three.

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MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Morning Study Group will meet August 7 and August 14 at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Kathryn Banet, 933 W. Oakdale.

SERVING JULY 30

Elders

8:00 A.M. David Griggs and Earl Plummer

10:30 A.M. Ray Fredericks and Mark Snyder

8:00 P.M. Andrew Cook

Deacons

8:00 A.M. Paul Yentes, Arthur Mowery, E. O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook.

10:30 A.M. M. Finkhousen, Leon Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse, D. Andrews, M. Grimm, R. Hendricks, R. Petty.

Deaconesses

Mrs. Earl Plummer and Mrs. Myrl Beachley

Ushers

8:00 A.M. Tom Banet, Ronald Flickenger, James Kirsch

10:30 A.M. Andy Cook, Merland Heller, C. Hendrickson, Bud Schryver, Don Smith, Marshall Smith, Robert White

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PERSONAL MENTION
In Hospitals:

Lutheran: James Shirley 402.

St. Joseph: Peggy Page 801.

VISITORS LAST SUNDAY:
Mr. and Mrs. Barton Johnson

AT CAMP THIS WEEK:
Mike Gardener, 7-8, at Barbee

PERSONS NEEDED FOR CHANGE THROUGH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

To date, this Church has four women involved in the Change Through Involvement "Mother-to-Mother" program and two families involved in the "Family-to-Family" Program. These include, Connie Wells, Peg Buskirk, Helen Clymore, and Miriam Bixenman in the Mother-to-Mother Program and the Merle Grimm Family and the Ron Aker Family in the Family-to Family Program. More volunters are needed for these programs to work with persons in the inner city areas in a program of understanding. We need names of interested persons by September 1. If you are interested, contact Tom Frappier, our new Christian Action Chairman (485-8574) and tell him of your willingness to become involved.

FAMILIES NEED FURNITURE

We have learned recently through the Change Through Involvement Program that four families are badly in need of chests of drawers and that a family of eight, who recently lost everything in a fire, is in dire need of all sorts of furniture. If you have any such items you would be willing to contribute, please call the Change Through Involvement Office (743-1821).

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

The following persons are listed as members of First Christian Church. However, we have no mailing address for them. If you know the complete name and/or the address of any of these persons please call the church office.

Mrs. Cora Adams
Mrs. Hubert Adkinson (Jean)
Mrs. S.W. Akers (Ethel)
Mrs. Dwight Allen
Doris Anderson
Mary Anderson
Mrs. Ronald E. Andrews (Rebecca)
Mrs. Donald L. Angell

Mrs. Marion Bailey (Thelma)
Douglas Baber
Marilyn Baber
Mrs. Beatrice Baugher
Marcia Baugher
Mrs. J.C. Bolton (Ruth)
William C. Bolton
Richard Bireley
Doris Bireley
Mrs. Betty Bodkin
Mrs. Elmo R. Brott (Joan)
Alma Leona Brown
Richard E. Brown
Guy Bruss
Ada Bruss
Mrs. Russell Butt
Robert C. Cole
Mrs. Jessie Cook
Clyde Copeland
Jean Copeland
Mrs. Dorothy Cory
Mrs. Eugene Craig
Mrs. Robert (Vola) Davis
Mrs. William DeRolf
Mrs. Frederick Dettloff
Mr. William Dickson
Mrs. William Dickson
Dale A. Drake

Mr. James Dudley
Mrs. James Dudley
John Dunn
K.E. Dwyer
Miss Ella Dyer
Wanda Eller
Mr. Luther Eller
Mrs. Luther Eller
Clarence F. Ellison
Robert Emerson
Virginia Emerson
Mrs. Don Eugene
Mrs. E.E. Evans (Ruth)
Mr. Paul V. Evans
Mrs. Paul V. Evans
Mrs. Robert Feichter
Allen Garee
Edna Garee
Paul Garee
Mrs. Donald Gerber
Arthur L. Gernhardt
Mr. William D. Gilley
Paul Gerdner
Mildred Gerdner
Mrs. Dorothy Grandstaff
Rosemery Murphy-Greenwald
Mr. Dale Hadley
Mrs. Dale Hadley
James Haffner
Mrs. Robert Hammerlund (Anita)
Elizabeth Hess
Patricia Higgens
Mrs. Florency Hightcheu Jr.
Mr. Frank Hill
Mrs. Frank Hill
Deryll Hobbs
John F. Holderman

(Additional names will be printed in next week's TIDINGS)

FAMILY CAMP OUTS

Last week end the Ben Taylor Family, the Bob Urich family, the Russell Wortly family, and Vincent and Connie Wells participated in the family Camp Out. This program is truly an extension of the program of First Christian Church.

The next Family Camp Out will be held August 11, 12, & 13. Watch next week's TIDINGS for full details. All families who plan to attend are asked to meet in the Church Parlor immediatly following the 10:30 Worship Service on August 6 to complete plans.

ADVENTURE DAYS (Grades 5 and 6)

Fifth and Sixth Graders are reminded of the Adventure Day on August 2. This will be an overnight experience, with everyone sleeping out. On this Wednesday we will come to the Church at 2:00 p.m. to see the movie, SANCHO, THE HOMING STEER. Following the movie, we will make slides so that this group may present them at the August 6 Celebration Worship. We will then go to McMillan Park for a cookout and a swim. From there we will go to the Ted Bryan home (boys) and the Max Finkhousen home (girls) for a sleep out. Those participating are asked to bring 50 ¢ to cover the cost of the movie and swimming.

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ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS EVALUATION

Persons who have been a part of the elective Church School classes this semester, or who are currently in the Come Double or OMS Classes are asked to please fill out the evaluation blank below and return it to Margaret Love, chairman of our Christian Education Committee, or to Miriam Bixenman:

I feel the best thing about choosing an elective class is:

I feel the thing I would like to see happen for adults in our Church School next semester (beginning September 10) is:

_____Remain in the same class groupings we are now in for one more semester.

_____Return to the established classes for one semester and have elective courses the second semester each year, with established classes the first semester.

_____Have a totally elective Church School for these and/or other adults next semester, everyone choosing a new class by subject.

_____Other arrangement. Please explain below:

(SIGNATURE OPTIONAL)______________________________

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Guest Speaker: Dr. Gilford E. Olmsted "EQUIPPED WITH POWER"
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00 A.M. Morning Study Group Kathlyn Banet's 933 W. Oakdale
7:30 P.M. College and Career Miriam Bixenman's office.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

10:00 A.M. Adventure Day Grades 1 and 2
2:00 and 7:00 P.M. Family Movie, "PABLO AND THE DANCING CHIHUAHUA"

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 11-13

FAMILY CAMP OUT

DR. OLMSTED SUNDAY SPEAKER

Dr. Gilford E. Olmsted will be the guest speaker at both the Meditative and Divine Worship Services this Sunday, August 6, 1972. Dr. Olmsted is the new Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana. He began his ministry with our Indiana Regional organization on April 17, 1972, coming here from a similiar position in Kansas, where he had developed an outstanding regional program. Dr. Olmsted is the editor of the Indiana Christian, which most of our people receive (if you do not, please notify the Church Office.) Dr. and Mrs. Olmsted reside in Indianapolis and will be coming to Fort Wayne Saturday evening. Dr. Olmsted's sermon topic will be "EQUIPPED WITH POWER" and his scripture text is Ephesians 3:7-21.

SERVING AUGUST 6

Elders

8:00 A.M. Ray Fredericks and Hugh Rice.

10:30 A.M. Merle Rice and John Merrill.

Deacons

8:00 A.M. D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles, T. Frappier.

10:30 A.M. O. McDougle, Ed Allen, W. Bowen, R.H. Cole, R. Gerow, W. Gumpp, C. Hetrick, A.E Huddleston.

Deaconesses

Mrs. Earl Plummer and Mrs. Myrl Beachley

Ushers

8:00 A.M. John Weicker, Doug Olson, Scott Rayl.

10:30 A.M. Andy Cook, Merlin Heller, Don Passwater, Robert Chevalier, Tom Knuckles, Homer Stevenson.

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PERSONAL MENTION

In Hospitals:

Lutheran Leland Higgans 471, Grace Tharp 488.

St. Joseph Orlie Conner 804.

Parkview Ella Maxwell 517.

A Thank You

Thanks for the many prayers, cards and telephone calls in my behalf during my recent illness; also, for the sympathy expressed in the passing of my brother. Thanks again, and God bless all of you.

Walter Birkhold

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

The Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. this Sunday will be based on music. It will partially take the sorm of a sing-along, with some interpretation of varying compositions, their meaning and place in the area of worship. Steve Bruckman and Jerry Zimmerman will be our accompanists and Becky Buskirk will be our soloist.

COLLEGE AND CAREER STUDY GROUP

The College and Career Study Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7, in Mrs. Bixenamn's office. All post high school single young adults are invited to attend.

OUR PANTRY NEEDS

Our pantry can use almost anything you would like to contribute. We have had an unusally heavy month of calls, so all items are low.

SPECIAL PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK:
Canned fruits and vegtables
Large brown grocery sacks
Empty 1 lb. coffee cans

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ROANOKE, INDIANA

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

August 6, 1972

Paul Dunham, Preaching

MORE PERSONS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

In last week's TIDINGS we began a list of persons who are members of First Christian for whom no current address is known. We are continuing that list below. If you have the complete name and/or the current address of any of these persons please contact the Church Office.

Teddy Horibe
Mrs. Ora Jayne Huff
G.B. Hunt
Mary Hunt
Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. R. Larry Johnson
Mr. Robert C. Jones
Mrs. Robert C. Jones
J. Raymond Keller
Jack Kelly
Maxine Kelly
Wanda Sue Kelly
Manuel Kelly
James A. Kingman
Robert Kinnaman
William Kintzel
Margaret Kintzel
Mr. Ned Klotz
Mrs. Ned Klotz
Diann Laden
Edgar R. Laden
Thomas Laden
Traffa LaFara
Marie LaFara
Mrs. Dorothy Leggett
Mrs. Ruby Leggett
Mrs. Doris Lemming
Mr. James Lesher
Mrs. James Lesher
Mr. Albert Libbey
Mrs. Albert Libbey
Calvin G. Long
Merle J. Long
Ilene McClogg
Mrs. Waunita McKinley
Mrs. Mary Ann McLellan
Paul Maholm
Raymond O. Maples
Mrs. Iva Martin
Miss Janet Martin

Ray S. Mathis
Betty Miller
Ireta Miller
Mrs. Cleatus J. Moffett
Howard E. Morse
Mrs. Ronald L. Myers
Joseph Neville
Mrs. Daniel F. Olive
Thomas F. Owen
Mrs. Sallie Parker
William Parker
Robert Pennington
Mrs. Alpha Piercy
Mrs. W.E. Pretzer
Mrs. Lloyd Putt
Norman Rau
Mr. Edwin Reddick
Mrs. Edwin Reddick
Nancy Ann Reddick
Stephen E. Reddick
Herman Redmerski
Laverne Reed
Beatrice Rinehart
Robert Rinehart
Mrs. Verne Rodiger
Deanna Roseberry
Mr. Marvin Roseberry
Mrs. Marvin Roseberry
Terry M. Roseberry
Mr. Charles Rudicel
Mrs. Charles Rudicel
Barbara Rudicel
John A. Sanders
Mr. Harld E. Schmidt
Mrs. Harold E. Schmidt
Robert Lee Scott
Edward Sechler
Mrs. Phyllis Sechler
Robert Shearer
Miss Shirley Sidle

Mr. Ralph Simons
Mrs. Ralph Simons
Dennis Smith
Robert Smith
Shirley Smith
Mrs. Elizabeth Sorg
Charles W. Staley
Mrs. Scott Stephans
Mr. J. Ray Stephenson
Mrs. J. Ray Stephenson
Daryl Stigers
Harold A. Stigers
Michael Stigers
Donald Lee Straw
Joan Elaine Straw
John R. Sullivan
R. Michael Symms
William Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. Kenneth Thomas
Mrs. Norman C. Topp
William Trumbower
Mary Valentine
Jerry Van Dyke
Mrs. Walter Van Etten
Mr. William P. Veenora
Mrs. William P. Vennora
Mrs. Roy Wagner
Mr. Wendall Wallace
Mrs. Wendall Wallace
Mrs. Millard Wells
Mrs. Sally Whelan
Robert White
Doris White
Russell Wilkins
Mr. David H. Williams
Mrs. David H. Williams
Mrs. Richard Wills
Mrs. LeRoy Wise
Mr. William Woods
Mrs. William Woods

ADVENTURE DAY: First and Second Grades

The annual Adventure Day for those in First and Second Grades will be on Wednesday, August 9. We will visit the Franke Park Zoo. Those children planning to attend are asked to meet on the Church Parking Lot at 10:00 a.m. and to bring a sack lunch and 50¢. After the visit to the Zoo and the picnic, we will return to the Church and see the movie, "Pablo and the Dancing Chihuahua". Children may be picked up at 3:45 p.m. Drink for lunch will be furnished.

FAMILY MOVIES

This week we will be showing the last of the four family movies on Wednesday, August 9, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The current movie will be "PABLO AND THE DANCING CHIHUAHUA". Suggested donation is 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children.

IN OUR CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

Val Williams attended the 9-10 Conference at Barbee Christian Camp this past week. This coming week, August 6-12, Debbie Allen, Jim Taylor, and Scott Rayl will be attending the 11-12 Conference at Barbee as campers, with Connie Wells and Ed Allen, Jr. going as adult counselors. We are pleased to have these youth going to be a part of this

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WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CROSS?

As a part of a Celebration Worship during late August, we wish to use a cross built by our own people. The basic, barren cross is being placed in the Church Parlor. You are asked to bring two types of items and place them somewhere on or near the cross. These items include those things that contribute to the litter so often found in our streets and items that you feel the world would be better off without --- things that take man's time, energy, and money in a non-profitable way. The cross will remain up until August 27, when it will be used in the service.

MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group will meet on Monday, August 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Kathlyn Banet, 933 W. Oakdale, and on Monday, August 14, at 10:00 a.m. in Mrs. Bixenman's office. These will be the last two sessions until after Labor Day.

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extension of our Church's Christian Education program and to be able to share our leadership.

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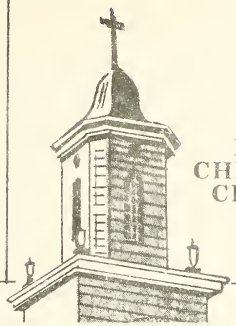

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 11-13
Family Camp Out

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: The Word of Life
Text: I John 1:1-10
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 14
7:00 P.M. College and Career
Church Parlor

COMING EVENTS

August 22 7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
8:00 P.M. Board Meeting
August 25-26 District I Assembly
Barbee Christian Camp

PANTRY NEEDS

Powdered Milk
Peanut Butter

WELCOME HOME TO THE CLINES

This Sunday, August 13, it will be a pleasure to have Dr. Cline back in our pulpit. We have enjoyed our guest ministers and those of our home folks who have supplied the pulpit during Dr. Cline's absence.

As the Clines' return to us we remember that just one year ago this week they came to us for the first time as our pastor and his family. During this one short year, the entire family has found a place in the hearts and lives of each of us.

SERMON SERIES TO BEGIN THIS SUNDAY

Beginning Sunday, August 13, Dr. Cline will begin a Sermon Series, RECALL TO FUNDAMENTALS, based on the first letter of John. Sunday's Sermon is titled, "THE WORD OF LIFE" and the text is I John 1:1-10.

SERVING AUGUST 6

Elders

8:00 A.M. Andrew Cook and Bert Leversee

10:30 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and Ralph Church

8:00 P.M. William Crouse

Deacons

8:00 A.M. R. Johnson, W. Koehlinger, V. Moore, T. Ogles,

10:30 A.M. R. Russell, R. Wortley, L.A. Horn, S. Cole, P. Yentes, A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook

Deaconesses

Mrs. Helen Clymore and Mrs. Floyd Morrical

Ushers

8:00 A.M. John Weicker, Doug Olson, Scott Rayl

10:30 A.M. Andy Cook, Merlin Heller, Don Passwater, Robert Chevalier, Tom Knuckles, Homer Stevenson

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PERSONAL MENTION

In Hospitals:

Lutheran: Clark Kerley West 4, Robert Clipp 330

St. Joseph: Orlie Conner 804

Parkview: Troy Yeoman 446, Ella Maxwell 517.

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Walter and Richard Gumpp whose father passed away this past week.

Sympathy is also extended to Judy Aker whose aunt, Mrs. Teresa Smith, passed away this past week.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

The Celebration Worship this Sunday evening at 8:00 P.M. will give an opportunity to experience scripture interpreted in a unique and creative manner. All of the scripture passages used will be very familiar, but the interpretation will be different and YOU will be a part of it. As always, we will climax the worship by sharing in a communion service and the passing of the peace among us.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP CROSS

Have you placed your items that litter our streets and neighborhoods or items that make the world a poorer place in which to live, often detering us from Christ's way of life, on the barren cross in the Church Parlor? Please do place items there at once. This cross will be used in the Celebration Worship on August 27.

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

August 13, 1972

Morning Worship -- 10:30 A.M.

Ed Allen, Jr., Preaching

FAMILY CAMP OUT

The August Family Camp Out will be this weekend, August 11, 12, and 13, at the Forest Ridge Park Family Camp Grounds. Forest Ridge is near Larwill and may be reached by traveling west on U.S. 30 to State Road 5, then north on State Road 5 to Old Route 30 (Lincoln Way), then west on Old 30 to Elder Road, and north on Elder Road to the camp ground. Activities available include swimming in a heated pool, bicycling, hayrides, horseshoes, and hiking. A swing set and sand box are available for the small fry. The fee is $3.00 per day, plus 50¢ per day for electricity. Each family will pay their own camp fees and provide their own food, which may then be shared with the group. Be sure to notify Miriam Bixenman if your family plans to go.

MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Morning Study Group will meet next Monday morning, August 14, at 10:00 A.M. in Mrs. Bixenman's office. This will be the last meeting until after Labor Day.

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPPLY AREA

We have a new Church School Supply Secretary--Mrs. Mary Love. (Our thanks to Helen Clymore and Deloris Keebortz who have served for the past fourteen months.) The Church School supply area has a new counter and a new coat of paint.

COLLEGE AND CAREER STUDY GROUP

The College and Career Study Group will meet at 7:00 P.M. rather than 7:30 this Monday, August 14. The group will make homemade ice cream on the drive way, followed by the Study Session in the Church Parlor. Dr. Cline will be back meeting with us at this session.

BOY SCOUT AUCTION

The Boy Scouts of this Church are having an auction to purchase new equipment. If you have anything to donate, please call Fred Smell-745-3402 or Max Finkhousen-456-2700. Large appliances and furniture will be picked up.

MISSING PERSONS

For the past two issues, we have printed names of persons fo whom we have no address. A few more names appear below. We wish to thank those persons who have called to help us locate persons on the list.

C.E. Woodward
Glenn Yagerlehuer
Robert S. Young
Mrs. Lawrence Zebrung
Kenneth W. Zimgreb, Jr.
Michael Zingrele
Mrs. F.W. Zuber

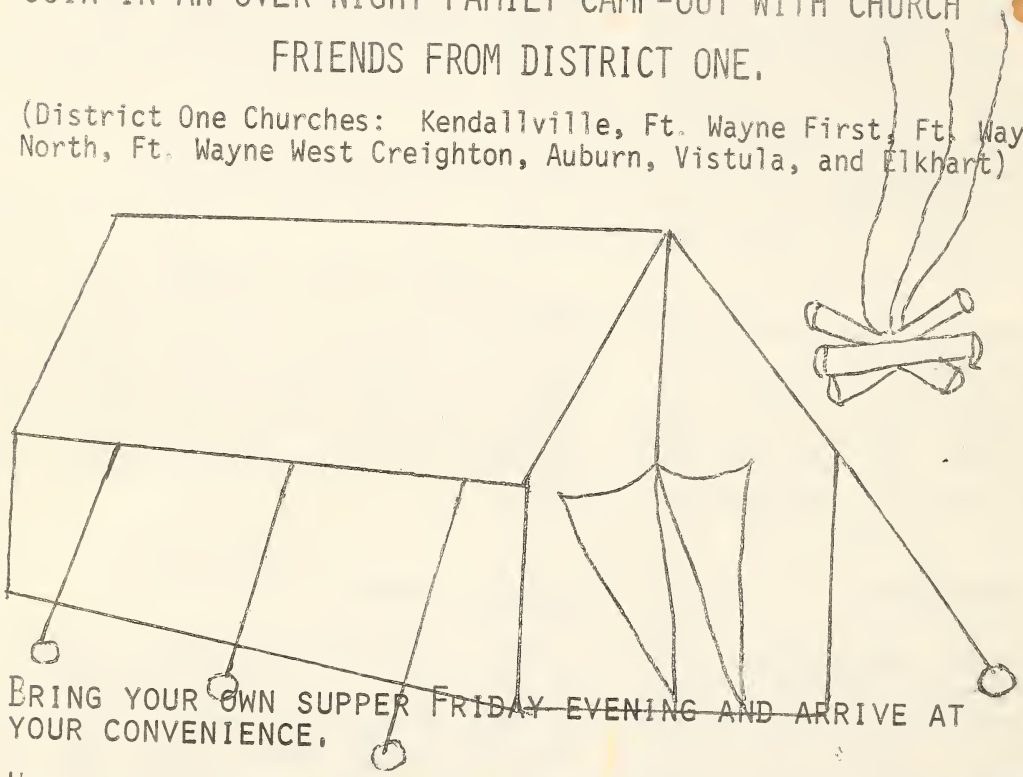
ANNUAL DISTRICT ONE ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY EVENING - AUGUST 25 THROUGH SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

JOIN IN AN OVER-NIGHT FAMILY CAMP-OUT WITH CHURCH FRIENDS FROM DISTRICT ONE.

(District One Churches: Kendallville, Ft. Wayne First, Ft. Wayne North, Ft. Wayne West Creighton, Auburn, Vistula, and Elkhart)



BRING YOUR OWN SUPPER FRIDAY EVENING AND ARRIVE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

USE YOUR OWN CAMPING EQUIPMENT--CAMPERS--TENTS--OR LIVE IN THE CAMP CABINS. OVER-NIGHT FEE: $2.50.

MEALS ON SATURDAY: $1.00 PER PERSONS OR $2.50 PER FAMILY OF 2 OR MORE. *FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS COOKING THE SATURDAY EVENING MEAL!*

FOR REGISTRATION AND FURTHER DETAILS SEE DR. CLINE.

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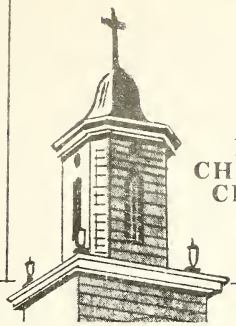

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, AUGUST 19
0:00 A.M. Deaconesses' Meeting in the Chapel

NDAY, AUGUST 20
00 A.M. Meditative Worship
15 A.M. Church School
0:30 A.M. Divine Worship
ermon: *"What Is Christianity?"*
ext: *I John 1:5-2:28*
00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, AUGUST 21
30 P.M. College and Career Study and Fellowship Group

ESDAY, AUGUST 22
00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
00 P.M. Church Board Meeting

COMING EVENTS

RIDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 26
strict I Assembly, Barbee Christ-n Camp

PANTRY NEEDS

Main dish meals (for example, canned meat, canned spaghetti, boxed macroni and cheese)
Diapers

RECALL TO FUNDAMENTALS

This sermon series based on the First Letter of John in the New Testament will continue for three more weeks. Be reading and pondering this diamond which brings forth new facets of light and truth with each reading.

August 20 - *"What is Christianity?"*
I John 1:5-2:28

August 27 - *"The Allegiance of Faith"*
I John 4:13-5:13

September 3 - *"The Style of Love"*
I John 2:29-4:12

Join us in worship regularly at one of our three Sunday hours. Worship is a public expression of allegience and thanksgiving to God. Worship is letting go of self to find the reality and way of God. Worship is the focusing of life on God and others. Worship is a corporate act of encouragement and demonstration to others.

SERVING AUGUST 20

Elders

8:00 A.M. Harold Crowder and George Davis

10:30 A.M. Cecil Rice and Glenn Miller

8:00 P.M. Hugh Rice

Deacons

8:00 A.M. M. Finkhousen, L. Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse

10:30 A.M. D. Andrews, M. Grimm, R. Hendricks, R. Petty, D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles, T. Frappier

Deaconesses

Mrs. Helen Clymore and Mrs. Floyd Morrical

Ushers

8:00 A.M. John Weicker, Doug Olson, Scott Rayl

10:30 A.M. Andy Cook, Merlin Heller, Don Passwater, Robert Chevalier, Tom Knuckles, Homer Stevenson

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PERSONAL MENTION

In Hospitals

Lutheran: 330 Mr. Robert Clipp

St. Joseph: 805 Mr. Orlie Conner

Parkview: 517 Mrs. Ella Maxwell, 446 Mr. Troy Yeoman (Heart Surgery is scheduled for August 17)

NOTE OF THANKS

Mrs. Marge Lehman wants to thank everyone for their calls, cards, and prayers while she was in the hospital.

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CHURCH BOARD MEETING

All elders, deacons, deaconesses, trustees, and other church board members are urged to be present at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 22. Attention will be given to several special annual and monthly reports. Business items include election of delegates for the State Assembly in October, filling of an elder vacency, and a church vocation scholorship application. Preceding the Board Meeting will be an Elder's Meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M.

JULY AVERAGES:

Church Worship	236
Church School	91
Budget Giving	$1,288.66
Appeal Giving	$ 197.57

ADDITIONS DURING JULY:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Short
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunham
George Ludwig

WEDDING

George William Fishering III and *Deborah Kay Burkett* were married in our sanctuary on August 5, by Rev. R. LaVerne Ervin. They are residing at Manchester Village in Indianapolis, Indiana.

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING

All are cordially invited to the wedding of *Marcia Anne Jessup* and *Kenneth Wayne Clemons*, at 6:30 P.M., Sunday, August 27, with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

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DISTRICT I ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

AUGUST 25, 26

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

The Christian Churches of District I will have their annual District Assembly at Barbee Christian Camp on Friday evening, August 25, and Saturday, August 26. Here is a schedule for the event:

Friday, August 25

4:00 P.M.	Arrival (set up campers, trailers, cabin usage) Recreation (swimming, soft ball, volly ball)
6:00 P.M.	Supper (family cookout, picnic--every family on its own)
7:00 P.M.	More recreation
8:00 P.M.	Camp Fire ----Song Fest with guitars, etc. ----Meditation: Harold Cline

Saturday, August 26

8:00 A.M.	Breakfast in the Dining Hall (North Christian serving)
9:00 A.M.	Study Period: "The Christian Learning to Use His Bible" led by Dr. Gilford Olmsted
10:30 A.M.	Session: "Getting to Know You" led by Emerson Brokaw
12:30 P.M.	Lunch in the Dining Hall (First Christian, Auburn, serving) Update on COCU: Lester Ringham
2:00 P.M.	Session: "Getting to Know You" led by Emerson Brokaw (continuing the morning session)
3:00 P.M.	Swimming--other recreation
5:30 P.M.	Supper and Business in the Dining Hall (First Christian, Fort Wayne, serving) Closing Meditation by the current Assembly President, Roy Gray.

If you plan to attend the DISTRICT ASSEMBLY please notify Dr. Cline, the Church Office, or sign the list on the bulletin board at the South Entrance by August 22. Please indicate whether you plan to attend all or part of the assembly--this is important in meal planning!

FROM THE PASTOR:

Greetings to all!

My family and I enjoyed immensely our vacation which was by far the longest in time and distance for us. Our long awaited trip west proved beyond our expectations. We thank all who helped in any way to make it possible.

This week my family begins a new experience. Claudia Weiss arrives this Thursday the 17th to begin her year with us. She is from Germany and will be a senior at Elmhurst along with Sally. Claudia comes to us through the American Field Service program for student exchange. She plays the cello and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The letters of Claudia and her parents during the last two months have greatly heightened our sense of expectation for her sharing in our home.

The summer vacation season will shortly come to an end. Some of our college youth are leaving now to begin fall semesters. All of our schools will open for children and youth in a couple of weeks. May I urge all to share in our church whenever possible. We have had many newcomers and visitors in Church School and Worship. We need our regulars to make them welcome and to encourage further participation.

One highlight of our coming church year will be the weekend retreat in our church for all of our people. It is called a LAY WITNESS MISSION which lasts from Friday evening December 1 through Sunday evening December 3. Please circle now this date on your calendar to keep it clear for this experience. Milford Chewning of Fairfax, Alabama, will be our guest coordinator. Dr. James Ruble and Mrs. Margaret Love will be general co-chairmen for our congregation. Letters are going out this week to invite guests who will come to share and lead us in this weekend encounter. If asked to serve on preparation committees, please help if at all possible. Assignments will be specific and limited, but many will be asked to prepare for this event. Prayer and Preparation will be key words as we look forward to our LAY WITNESS MISSION, December 1-3.

See you Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

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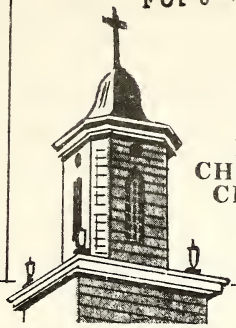

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 26
District I Assembly, Barbee Christian Camp

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Baptismal Service
6:30 P.M. Jessup-Clemmons Wedding
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 28
7:30 P.M. College and Career Study and Fellowship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 3 - Dedication Service for Parents with infants at the 10:30 Worship Hour.

SEPTEMBER 10 - Beginning of the new Church School Semester and Teacher Recognition Sunday

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned stew, chicken, Spam, spaghetti
Baby Diapers

FROM THE PASTOR:

We are urging that all our families start making our fall roundup regular Church School and Worship participation NOW! During our Divine Worship at 10:30 these next two Sundays, we are having a Summer Sing Time. This received much favorable comment last Sunday. We will be having a Baptism this week and a special service for our babies and parents on September 3.

On pages 3 and 4, you will find an outline for our coming Educational Program for this fall. For the next two Sundays, we have a full Church School for our children and youth, but only four classes for adults---Two mixed Bible Study Groups in Fellowship Hall, the Progressive Class in the Chapel, and the Friendly Class in the Parlor. Our new fall semester opens on September 10.

If you cannot make a morning worship, please make an attempt to come to our evening Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. May we see you every Sunday you are in Ft. Wayne and able to worship?

Harold E. Cline

SERVING AUGUST 27

Elders

8:00 A.M. Larry Barnes and Robert Rayl

10:30 A.M. William Crouse and James Ruble

8:00 P.M. Walter Keebortz

Deacons

8:00 A.M. O. McDougle, Ed Allen, W. Bowen, R.H. Cole

10:30 A.M. R. Gerow, W. Gumpp, C. Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston, R. Johnson, W. Koelinger, V. Moore, T. Ogles

Deaconesses

Mrs. Helen Clymore and Mrs. Floyd Morrical

Ushers

8:00 A.M. J. Weicker, D. Olson, S. Rayl

10:30 A.M. A. Cook, M. Heller, D. Passwater, R. Chevalier, T. Knuckles, H. Stevenson

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PERSONAL MENTION

In Hospitals

Lutheran: 670 Mr. Robert Clipp

St. Joseph: ICU Mrs. Emma Schell (Critical from infection)

Parkview: 350 Mr. Troy Yeoman (Progressing from heart surgery)

335 Mr. Ora Davis (father of George Davis)

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs. Norman Topp, a member, in the death of her husband from an auto accident.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donahue who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversery last Sunday.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Please submit the lists of your full committees to the church office no later than August 31.

NEW PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Under the chairmanship of George Bruckman, the new Planning Committee will meet at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 29th. Members include Ralph Church, Thomas Frappier, William Schilling, Dorothy Ikenberry, Nancy Wortley, Sally Cline. Ex-officio are Hugh Rice, Miriam Bixenman, and Harold Cline.

THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

A special service for parents with young children will be held at 10:30 A.M., Sunday, September 3. This is an extra service before the next regular date, December 10. Any families who have missed previous participation or who have new infants are invited to participate. Please contact the office to inform us of your intention to participate. We need to know by Thursday noon, August 31. Call 744-3239.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Ronald M. Jordan and Nancy Lynn Gumpp on August 8, 1972. They are residing at 3621½ S. Harrison.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Everett Metcalf on August 22, 1972. Sympathy is extended to his wife Edith who is a member and other kin folk.

FALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

CHURCH SCHOOL--9:15 A.M. each Sunday (9:45 after October 1)

Our Church School moves into a new six-month learning semester on September 10. This is Promotion Day for the children. All classes make a new start. There will be a TEACHER RECOGNITION AND DEDICATION service during our 10:30 A.M. Worship on that day for all teachers of the new year and also for those rotating out.

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES:

Friendly Class--Women's Class meeting in Parlor, taught by Mrs. Jennie Morrical, using Uniform Lessons.

Progressive Class--Mixed Class meeting in Chapel, taught by Harold Crowder, using Uniform and CLC material together.

Beran Class--Mixed Class, varying ages, taught by Jack Williams, doing specific Bible Studies, meeting in the center of Fellowship Hall.

Come Double Class--Mixed Class of those normally with children of high school or post high school age, meeting in the SW corner of Fellowship Hall, using Uniform Lesson materials.

Class 58--Mixed Class, based on couples ages added together do not exceed 58 in 1958 or a total of whose ages do not exceed 86, taught by Jack Weicker, in East Fellowship Hall.

O.M.S. Class--New class formed this spring for couples whose combined age does not exceed 70 or singles of similiar age, taught by Ruby Cline, meeting in NW corner of Fellowship Hall, using Our Many Selves, written by Elizabeth O'Conner.

College and Career Class--All college and single young adults in the East Parlor.

Discipleship Class--This elective 8 week study series for high school, college, and adult levels will open its first series on September 10. Enrollment is limited to 16. Contact Dr. Cline about participation. Open to members who desire to look at basics and especially designed for young couples and prospective members. The class meets in the first room north of Fellowship Hall and is taught by Dr. Cline.

Elective Class--Using When the Lamp Flickers, written by Leslie Weatherhead. Persons interested in this class should contact the church office by September 3. It will be taught by Miriam Bixenman and will meet in her office. It will be limited to 12 participants who are willing to engage in a real adventure in Biblical understanding.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:

Youth III for eleventh and twelfth graders will meet on the second floor and will be taught by Marge Green.

Youth II for ninth and tenth graders will meet on the second floor and will be taught by Ray Fredericks and Tom Frappier.

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FALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (from page 3)

Youth I for seventh and eighth graders will meet on the second floor and will be taught by Jim Ruble and Merle Rice.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Class will meet on the second floor and will be taught by Peggy Burkirk, Judy Church, and Edna Nordbloom.

Third and Fourth Grade Class will meet on the ground floor and will be taught by Walter and Delores Keebortz.

Second Grade Class will meet on the ground floor and will be taught by Donna Johnson and Helen Clymore.

First Grade Class will meet on the ground floor and will be taught by Jeanne Gerow and Helen Williams.

Kindergarten Class will meet on the ground floor and will be taught by Nila Schilling, Sharon Fredericks, Mary Jenkins, and Judy Aker.

Nursery Class for 2's and 3's will meet on the first floor and will be taught by Cheri Barnes and Andrea Benny.

Crib Room for Infants on the first floor will be cared for by Linda King.

The Church School Supply Secretary will be Mrs. Mary Love and her center is on the first floor at the north end near the Crib Room door.

DAYTIME OR EVENING SMALL STUDY GROUPS:

These groups are looking for new and more participants. Some of our better relationships and learning has been happening in these groups. Present participants or new participants are asked to come to one of two organizational meetings for this fall. If you are interested but cannot attend one of these gatherings, contact Mrs. Bixenman before the meeting time.

10:00 A.M., Monday, September 11 in Parlor for daytime groups.

7:30 P.M., Monday, September 11 in Parlor for night groups.

Meeting times, places, study materials, and groupings will be made at these meetings.

SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUPS:

Our fall and winter program for children, youth, and adults from 5:30 to 7:00 each Sunday evening will be announced in detail shortly. The program will begin on Sunday, September 24. This is a simutaneous program so families can all come and go together. The Celebration Worship will follow immediately at 7:00 P.M. beginning on this date.

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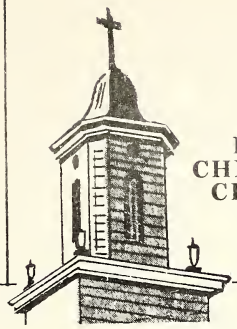

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

12:00 noon Friendly Class Pot-luck, Jennie Morrical's

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
Dedication of Parents and Infants
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day--Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group at Ruth Ogles' 3322 Rosewood

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 A.M. Spice Group at Martha Parkerson's, 3216 Crescent Ave.
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group at Helen Williams' 6710 S. Calhoun

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 P.M. Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group at Rosemary Krull's 3466 S. Washington Rd.

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned fruits and vegtables
Boy's clothing, sizes, 4, 5, & 6

SUMMER INTERN SHARES:

I want to express my thanks to the people here at First Christian Church for a very rewarding summer. I have enjoyed the chance to gain a better understanding of the work and life of the church and the operation of the church. The members, I feel, have been very responsive to the intern program and have been a great help to me by just being patient and willing to help. I am greatly indebted to Dr. Cline for his help, guidance, and understanding this summer. He really saw the mistakes I made and understood them. He has given much of himself and his time to help me better understand the ministry.

The two weeks at camps and the time spend with the Vacation Church School gave me a real opportunity to understand those younger than me. The weeks at camp were rewarding not only from working with those younger than me but also

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 3

Elders

8:00 A.M. Fred Smell and George Davis

10:30 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Ray Fredericks

8:00 P.M. John Merrill

Deacons

8:00 A.M. R. Russell, R. Wortley, L.A. Horn, S. Cole

10:30 A.M. P. Yentes, A. Mowrey, E. O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook, M. Finkhousen, L. Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse

Deaconesses

Mrs. Robert Hendricks and Mrs. Ray Fredericks

Ushers

8:00 A.M. J. Weicker, D. Olson, S. Rayl

10:30 A.M. A. Cook, M. Heller, D. Passwater, R. Chevalier, T. Knuckles, H. Stevenson

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PERSONAL MENTION

In Hospitals:

Parkview: 306 Mr. Troy Yeoman
540 Mrs. Mary Dilts

St. Joseph: 509 Mrs. Emma Schell

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs. Raymond Sarrazin, a member, in the death of her brother, Wallace McKay, who was a former member here.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Mrs. Ella Maxwell, a member, on 8-27-72. Sympathy is extended to the daughter and neice.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Kenneth Wayne Clemons and Marcia Anne Jessup on 8-27-72. They are residing at 4541 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, 46808.

RESPONSES TO THE INVITATION:

RANDALL PAUL SKAGGS, Box 33, Fremont, Indiana, 46703, made his confession of faith and was baptized on Sunday. Randy has been attending for over a year with Julie Kreischer--they are planning a wedding here in December. He is a drill press operator and mill worker for Modernaire in Angola. We welcome Randy in this decision for Christ in life.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Out of the 90 to 100 participants at the District Assembly, 27 were from our congregation. Participating were Ron, Judy, Scott, & Laura Aker; Ed and Debbie Allen; Ralph & Judy Church; Harold, Sally & Carol Cline; Lois & Barbara Finkhousen; Theresa Gardner; Nancy Hendricks; Scott Rayl; Jim, Deanna, Brenna, Lorinda, Bryan, Lanette, & Bryce Ruble; Vicki Rysman; Barbara Short; Nancy & Diane Wortley.

We thank our people for the work in serving the Saturday night "Banquet" dinner, especially to the womenfolk who worked so hard. Ken Clark of West Creighton was elected the new District President. Our pastor was elected for a three year term as a district representative on the Indiana Committee on Budget and Promotional Relationships.

AUGUST AVERAGES

Church Worship	281
Church School	83
Budget Giving	$1,548.46
Centennial and Indiana Appeal	228.50

Rufus Quinn was elected in a ballot election over Ed Allen, Sr. as an elder to fill the unexpired term of Al Schell.

Elected to represent First Christian as voting delegates at the Indiana Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana, October 13-15, in Indianapolis were: Debbie Allen, Judy Aker, Miriam Bixenman, Ray Fredericks, and Hugh and Gwynth Rice. Already voting delegates by virtue of being senior pastor and a member of the Recommendations Committee respectively are Harold Cline and Edna Vaught. Alternates for our church include Jack Weicker, Sally Cline, and Ben and Val Taylor.

The Church School Staff for children and youth was formally elected by the Church Board for their variant terms of office. The date indicates the year of the term's ending:

Nursery, 2's and 3's-Cheri Barnes, 73; Andrea Benny, 75.
Kindergarten-Nila Schilling, 73; Judy Aker, 73; Sharon Fredericks, 74; Mary Jenkins, 75.
First Grade-Jeanne Gerow, 74; Helen Williams, 75
Second Grade-Donna Johnson, 74; Helen Clymore, 75
Third & Fourth Grade-Walter and Deloris Keebortz, 73
Fifth & Sixth Grade-Peggy Buskirk, 73; Edna Nordblom, 74; Judy Church, 75
Seventh & Eighth Grade-Jim Ruble, 74; Merle Rice, 74
Ninth & Tenth Grade-Tom Frappier, 73; Ray Fredericks, 73

Herb Banet presented a first and very complete report of the Memorial Funds according to the policies and program established by the congregation in the spring. The assets were divided into the funds as follows:

CHURCH VOCATION MEMORIAL TRUST FUND	
Principal Portion-kept intact on investment	$29,429.92
Income Portion-used for scholarships & interns	6,843.89
ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL TRUST FUND	
Principal Portion-invested permanently	$ 6,703.24
Income Portion-used for program support	371.46
BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND	
Principal and Income to be used for major programs approved by Board and Congregation	7,074.72
CAPITAL WORLD OUTREACH FUND	
Principal and Income to be used annually for designated Capital Outreach need	118.00
TOTAL IN FUNDS AS ESTABLISHED BY PROGRAM	$50,541.23

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CHURCH BOARD MEETING REPORT continued

The July treasurer's report indicated budget giving $2,652.85 below askings, however, spending exceeded actual income by only $150.22. The low giving eliminated all outreach support for the month.

Upon recommendation of the World Outreach Committee, the Board approved the sponsoring of a bus trip, October 21-22 to Hazel Green, Cane Ridge, Translyvania College, and Lexington Theological Seminary. Also calendared was a Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner for Sunday, November 19, with a special focus on India.

Forty-one members of the Board were present.

INTERN SHARES continued

those older. I was able to work with and bump heads with other ministers and youth workers in our state. The experience enabled me to pick up some new ideas to talk with people with several different viewpoints.

Dr. Cline was a most valuable help teaching me how to understand people in the hospitals and those that are not able to be up and about as much as they would like. I need to thank those of you that were in the hospitals this summer---I felt very comfortable visiting you and I was happy to see you go home and show up in church. By simply sharing with those that I called on I was able to learn a great deal about you and about myself.

I have been grateful for the short summer and this church to work in. Each person has been a help in one way or another. I have enjoyed the work and I look forward to working with you again.

Edwin R. Allen, Jr.

FALL FAMILY CAMP OUT

The last Family Camp this year will be held on the weekend of September 15, 16, and 17. This will be designed for relationship and meaning together through the experience at our Barbee Christian Camp near North Webster. Since regular cabins are available, even persons not having equipment will be able to attend. All persons planning to participate are asked to meet at the Church Parlor on Sunday, September 10th after Worship.

CHANCEL CHOIR CALL

All singers of senior high school, college, or adults are invited to rehersal at 7:30 P.M. promptly on Thursday, September 7, to begin the new choir season. The Chancel Choir will be singing in worship on the 10th so all new and old choir members are urged to be present for the first rehersal.

MEN'S RETREAT AT BARBEE

All men are invited to the Fall Retreat at Barbee, September 8 & 9. "Man What a World" is the theme for the program which runs from 7:00 P.M. Friday through 8:30 P.M. Saturday. Total cost is $12.00. Contact the office or Dr. Cline to register.

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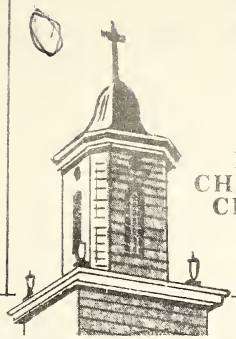

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
3:30 P.M. Progressive Class Picnic Lion's Park
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 A.M. Meeting of persons for daytime study groups
7:30 P.M. Meeting of persons for evening study groups
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Amelia Dare's 4527 Lafayette Esplanade

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group at Laura Mark's 4705 Lafayette Esplanade
7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
8:00 P.M. Board Meeting
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group at Geraldine Hendrickson's 927 E. Columbia

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

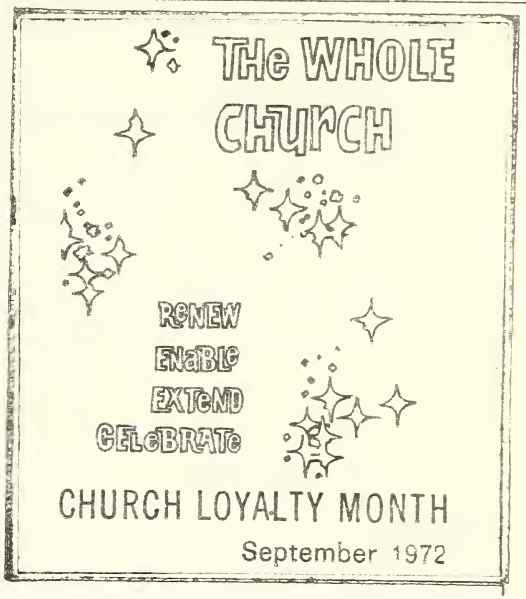
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group at Deloris Overmyer's 5443 Winchester Road

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned soup, canned meat, canned spaghetti



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 OPENS FALL PROGRAM

--Church Loyalty Month calls all members back into regular Sunday participation from summer.
--New Church School Semester calls all ages to class groupings.
--Teacher Recognition and Dedication and Bible Presentations will be a part of our worship at 10:30 A.M.
--Chancel Choir leads out in singing at the Divine Worship.

SEPTEMBER 10-COME TO STUDY AND WORSHIP

Come to share experiences to renew, to enable, to extend, and to celebrate relationships with God, others, and self

SERVING SEPTEMBER 10

Elders

8:00 A.M. Cecil Rice and Walter Keebortz

10:30 A.M. Earl Plummer and David Griggs

8:00 P.M. Harold Crowder

Deacons

8:00 A.M. D. Andrews, M. Grimm, R. Hendricks, R. Petty

10:30 A.M. D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles, T. Frappier, O. McDougle, E. Allen, W. Bowen, R.H. Cole

Deaconesses

Mrs. Robert Hendricks and Mrs. Ray Fredericks

Ushers

8:00 A.M. T. Banet, R. Flickinger, J. Kirsch

10:30 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, M. Olson, D. Smith, C. Hendrickson, R. Clifton, R. Chevalier, R. White

PERSONAL MENTION

In Hospitals:

Lutheran: 329 Mrs. Lillian Breeden, 623 Mrs. Ona Henry

St. Joseph: 509 Mrs. Emma Schell

Parkview: 540 Mrs. Mary Dilts

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs. Frances Eckert and family in the death of her father, Joe Crouder, last week in Silver Lake.

THANKS to Judy Church, Sharon Fredericks, Jeanne Gerow, Margaret Love, Pauline Synder, and Betty and Curt White for help in assembling and preparing our DIRECTORY of membership for mailing. If you have not received one or if you find incorrect information, contact the church office.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC:

The Progressive Class will hold its annual picnic at Lion Park on East Vance this Sunday with games and visiting beginning at 3:30 to 4:00. The dinner will be at 6:00 P.M.

CLASS 58 PICNIC

Plans are underway for a picnic of the 58 Class on Sunday, September 24.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING ON THE 12th

Our full Church Board meeting for this month will be held at 8:00 P.M. on the 12th. The elders will meet promptly for study and business at 7:00 P.M.

CHANCEL CHOIR CALL

Our Chancel choir is anxious for all former singers and all new potential singers to join in regular rehersal at 7:30 P.M. each Thursday and for singing in the Divine Worship at 10:30 A.M. each Sunday. The choir warms up at 10:15 in the Choir Room.

FAMILY CAMP OUT

The last Family Camp this year will be held on the weekend of September 15, 16, and 17. This will be designed for relationship and meaning together through the experience of our Barbee Christian Camp. Cabins are available for those not having equipment. A meeting for those attending will be Sunday, September 10 in the Parlor following the 10:30 Worship hour.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR OPENS

Learning within Christian community is an opportunity afforded for every age and every person in our classes which open a new unit next Sunday at 9:15 A.M.

REGULAR ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES:

College and Career Class makes a new beginning in the East Parlor
O.M.S. Class opens its study of Our Many Selves in NW Fellowship Hall
Class 58 regroups after a semester in East Fellowship Hall
Come Double Class continues in SW Fellowship Hall
Beran Class regroups and does Bible Study in center Fellowship Hall
Progressive Class continues in the Chapel
Friendly Class of women continues in Church Parlor

ELECTIVE ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Discipleship Class taught by Dr. Cline opens its eight week study in the room just north of Fellowship Hall. Call for enrollment since size is limited.

Serious Bible Study taught by Mrs. Miriam Bixenman in the Education office will be available for 12 registrants. Call in for enrollment immediately.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:

This Sunday will be promotion day for all graded children and youth classes. Children and Youth should be present in past classes promptly at 9:15 for promotion into new class groups.

Crib Room for Infants on First Floor
Nursery Class for 2's and 3's on First Floor
Kindergarten Class for 4's and 5's on Ground Floor
First Grade Class for those entering Elementary School on Ground Floor
Second Grade Class for second graders on Ground Floor
Third & Fourth Grade Class for children in these grades on Ground Floor
Fifth & Sixth Grade Class for children in these grades on Second Floor
Youth I for seventh and eighth graders on Second Floor
Youth II for ninth and tenth graders on Second Floor
Youth III for eleventh and twelfth graders on Second Floor

STUDY GROUP FORMATION

Participants for daytime or evening Study Groups should meet at either 10:00 A.M. Monday, September 11, in the Parlor or 7:30 P.M. Monday, September 11, in the Parlor. If it is impossible to attend these organizational meetings contact Mrs. Bixenman immediately.

GREETINGS IN JESUS CHRIST:

Will each one of you receive this note as a personal letter from me into your home? I write out of a concern that our church come fully awake in this particular week in its experiences of education and worship. I look forward to this fall and to a realization that great days are upon us--but only on the condition that we join together with one another and God. But "great days" are not as important as the need of our lives to find what God has in store for us for the living of these days as his people.

Will you join us in worship this Sunday? I want to share some honest concerns in my sermon in the morning worships--"A DISCIPLE IS A LEARNER". I invite you to read as background, Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 2:1-23; and II Timothy 2:8-19. The sermon will have some basic differences in the two hours since the 8:00 A.M. Worship precedes the opening of our new Church School semester and the 10:30 A.M. Worship includes our Teacher Recognition and Dedication Service as well as presentations of Bibles to children moving from the second to third grade. The Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. will include a dialogue upon the program of Christian Education in the church today.

Will you join us in Church School this Sunday? Our classes have been announced with some detail two weeks ago and in bulletin inserts. They are outlined again on page three. If you have questions about class groupings call Dr. Cline or Mrs. Bixenman. We have classes for different ages and variant elective opportunities for adults in addition to basic groupings. We are concerned that each person keep applying the Bible for each stage of life with the particular needs and problems which are real and vital within our Christian expression.

Will you involve yourself in special ways? An open invitation is out for participants in small face-to-face study groups by coming at one of two times next Monday--10:00 or 7:30--or by talking with Mrs. Bixenman.

All are invited to share in our Family Camp Out next weekend. September 15-17 at Camp Barbee. Interested persons are to meet in the parlor at 11:30 A.M. next Sunday.

Our fully graded Sunday evening program including choirs for the children and youth, youth fellowship groups, Bible Study for adults, and child care and story hour for younger children opens at 5:30 P.M. on September 24.

Our Chancel Choir is eagerly awaiting additional singers so that we can fill both sides of our Chancel in music of praise and worship each Sunday.

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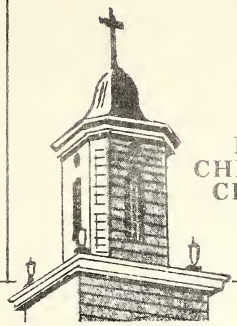

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-17
CHURCH FAMILY CAMP OUT--BARBEE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
7:30 P.M. Membership Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
7:30 P.M. CWF General Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Aboite Christian Church Discipleship Study Series

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Fruits
Canned Vegtables

CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

---Make a new start if you have wandered from regular participation.
---Join in the fall increase following summer vacation time.
---Engage in opportunities afforded for growth and meaning.
---Stand up and be counted that you are on the Lord's team.

SERMONS FOR CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

9-17 "THE EXPRESSION OF CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT". Acts 2:36-42; 8:26-39; 9:1-19.

9-24 "THE INTEGRITY OF CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT", Acts 4:1-31; I Corinthians 12:12-27; 15:58

10-1 *WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY* "THE RENEWAL OF CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT", Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 11:23-32; Hebrews 10:19-25.

We opened Church Loyalty Month on the 10th with upwards of 400 in Worship and upwards to 200 in Church School. Join in with others this Sunday!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 17

Elders

8:00 A.M. John Merrill and Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Hugh Rice and Rufus Quinn

8:00 P.M. Ray Fredericks

Deacons

8:00 A.M. R. Gerow, W. Gumpp, C. Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston

10:30 A.M. R. Johnson, W. Koehlinger, V. Moore, T. Ogles, R. Russell, R. Wortley, L.A. Horn, S. Cole

Deaconesses

Mrs. Robert Hendricks and Mrs. Ray Fredericks

Ushers

8:00 A.M. T. Banet, R. Flickinger, J. Kirsch

10:30 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, M. Olson, D. Smith, C. Hendrickson, R. Clifton, R. Chevalier, R. White

PERSONAL MENTION

In Hospitals

Parkview: 540 Mrs. Mary Dilts

St. Joseph: 509 Mrs. Emma Schell

Veterns: (admitted 9-11-72) Don Parlette

THANK YOU

"Thanks to all for your prayers, thoughts, cards and calls. Without all of you we couldn't have made it. God does indeed hear us. Thank you all."

Sincerely,

Troy and Evelyn Yeoman

COLLEGE AND CAREER CLASS

Bill Franklin is the new teacher-leader of the College and Career Class and will begin next Sunday. George Bruckman is the assistant.

CORRECTION TO DIRECTORY:

The following names are additions to the Church Directory which failed to be included in the original copy:

P. 2-Add William Bolton
1610 W. Wayne 03

P. 23-Add Mrs. Auston Nomina
1010 Curdes Ave 05

P. 40-Add David Banet
1923 A. Eastway Dr.
Dutch Village Apt.
Charlotte, N.C., 28028

P. 43-Add Delbert Deckard, Jr.
U.S. 33N
Churubusco, Ind., 46773

P. 45-Add David Hall
9880 W. 10th St., Lot 39
Indianapolis, Ind., 46234
Remove David from P. 13

The office stands ready to receive corrections of address at any time. We believe that we finally have all of our members on the weekly mailing list of THE TIDINGS. We ask constant help in keeping abrest of our people in terms of needs and addresses. We request also service and college addresses for our young adults.

BUDGET NEEDS AND GIVING--TEN WEEKS

Budget Needs	$18,192.30
Actual Giving	14,378.67
SHORTAGE IN GIVING	$ 3,813.63

This includes the low weeks of July and August. Those who have not given in this new church year need to catch up so that all have shared in church needs by October 1. Mail or bring offerings now.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

CLOTHING DRIVE ---
Deadline---September 17

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Paul Dunham, of our congregation will be preaching regularly at 10:30 A.M. out at the Aboite Church through the end of the year. He is responsible to a committee headed by Dr. Cline representative of our church and the Aboite Church. Our staff is available for pastoral and leadership help to the Aboite Church. Paul has some educational preparation for the ministry and is employed locally.

Tonight, Thursday the 14th, Dr. Cline is beginning an eight week series of Discipleship Study in homes of the Aboite people and other families in the area. These are open to any and all who are interested from the general area of Aboite.

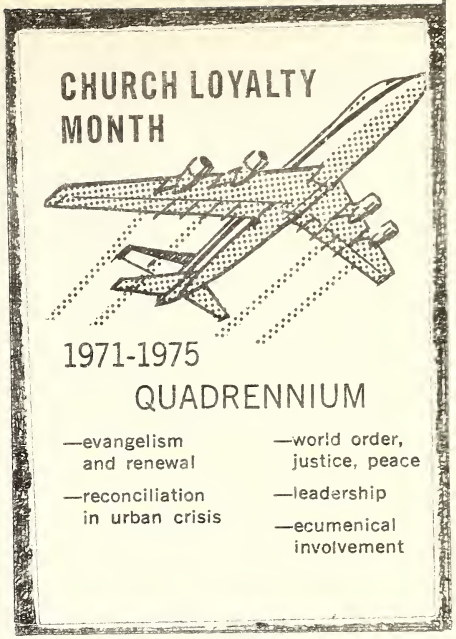
We are concerned that The Aboite Christian Church find a meaningful and growing experience of faith and love in Christ.

FAMILY CAMP OUT-BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

The welcome mat is still out for participants this weekend, the 15th to 17th, at Barbee. Contact Mrs. Bixenman immediately if you are going.

The cost for a trailer or tent per night including electricity is $2.50. For those using the cabins for sleeping the cost is $1.25 per person per night. Each is to take prepared food for the Friday evening meal. The other meals will be shared in potluck fashion.

Various activities will be planned for the weekend for young and old sharing in this experience. Mrs. Bixenman will be sharing in the total experience and Dr. Cline through Saturday evening.



LAY WITNESS MISSION

We are asking all our people to calendar Friday night, December 1, Saturday morning, noon, and evening, December 2, and Sunday morning and evening December 3. This weekend will be something of a weekend renewal encounter for our people. We have invited guests who will come at their own expense and time from several states and several denominations. These persons will share their sense of life in Christ and will be open to us in small group experiences. Much emphasis will be given to prayer and what God wants and can do through us by His spirit. We believe that it will be an unforgetable experience in the life of our congregation and so we are anxious that all will avail themselves of this rare opportunity. Our preparation committee chairmen will be meeting at 7:30 P.M. on September 25th.

CELEBRATE THE GOSPEL: PRAY--
PRAISE---PROCLAIM
133RD ASSEMBLY OF THE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA

TO BE HELD IN THE BRAND NEW
INDIANAPOLIS CIVIC CENTER IN
DOWNTOWN INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA
OCTOBER 13, 14, 15

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA. BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE GATHERING OF THE MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

HEAR SUCH OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS AS:

-----Dr. Roger N. Carstenson, one of the most widely sought-after speaker and lecturer in our brotherhood, President of Christian College in Georgia.

-----Dr. Gilford E. Olmsted, newly called Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Indiana (Dr. Olmsted was a guest in our pulpit during Dr. Cline's vacation)

-----Dr. James A. Joseph, Vice-President, Corporate Action, Cummins Engine Company and Executive Director, Cummins Engine Foundation

OUR DELEGATES HAVE REGISTERED AND ARE MAKING THEIR PLANS TO REPRESENT US AT THE ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER ANY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH MAY REGISTER AND ATTEND ALL SESSIONS. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE NOW FOR REGISTRATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION. REGISTRATION FEE FOR A NON-VOTING DELEGATE IF PAID BEFORE OCTOBER 15 IS $2.50. ACT NOW.

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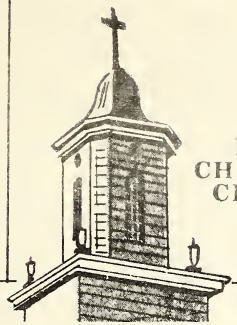

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
11:30 A.M. Christian Action Committee
4:00 P.M. Class "58" Picnic
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00 P.M. Pantry Committee
7:30 P.M. Lay Witness Mission Committee Chairmen

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Discipleship Series, Aboite Christian Church

PANTRY NEEDS
Powdered Milk
Canned Stew
Boy's clothing, sizes 4, 5 & 6

Join in one of our three worship hours this Sunday. Every Christian has an appointment with Jesus at the Lord's Table weekly. Include at lease one of our three worships in the Sunday schedule.

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship
SERMON "The Integrity of Christian Commitment" Acts 4:1-31; I Corinthians 12:12-27; 15:58
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship "Disciplines for Growth As A Christian"

SERVING SEPTEMBER 24

Elders

8:00 A.M. Ralph Church and Eugene Klepfer

10:30 A.M. Bert Leversee and Andrew Cook

8:00 P.M. Fred Smell

Deacons

8:00 A.M. P. Yentes, A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook

10:30 A.M. M. Finkhousen, L. Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse, D. Andrews, M. Grimm, R. Hendricks, R. Petty

Deaconesses

Judy Aker and Doris Sauerwein

Ushers

8:00 A.M. T. Banet, R. Flickinger, J. Kirsch

10:30 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, M. Olson, D. Smith, C. Hendrickson, R. Clifton, R. Chevalier, R. White

PERSONAL MENTION

In Hospitals:

Lutheran:

584 Mr. Henry Flowers

591 Mr. Mike Driver

St. Joseph: 509 Mrs. Emma Schell

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED...

To Arthur Mowery in the death of his half brother, Charles, this past weekend.

To Mrs. Elizabeth Moody in the death of her mother, Mrs. Bertha Warren, on September 8, 1972.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank you all for your cards, calls, and most of all the encouraging messages and prayers during my recent illness.

Robert and Esther Clipp

LAY WITNESS MISSION CHAIRMEN

All of our Chairmen and Co-Chairmen for our Lay Witness Mission, December 1-3, are asked to be present at 7:30 next Monday the 25th. This is an important meeting in developing the program preparations.

General Co-Chairmen: James Ruble and Margaret Love, Transportation: Floyd and Jennie Morrical, Attendance: George and Virginia Bruckman, Publicity: Bob Urich and John Thompson, Follow-Up: Ron Aker, Youth: Sally Cline, Housing: Ruth Ogles and Sue Allen, Food: Nancy Wortley and Barbara Schrock, Coffees: Sara Davis and Judy Church, Correspondence: Andy Benney, Literature: Kathlyn Banet, Child Care: Jeanne Gerow and Rosemary Krull, Visitation: Hugh Rice and Earl Plummer, Welcome: Fred and Rychie Smell and Homer and Hortense Stevenson, Prayer Ralph Church and Ray Fredericks

CLASS "58" FAMILY PICNIC

All couples totaling between 70 and 86 in combined ages or singles within the 35-45 age bracket are invited to join in at McMillen Park this Sunday at 4:00 P.M. For further information about meal, call George Davis, 446-7321, or Deanna Ruble 747-3563

BARTON JOHNSONS' HOSPITALIZED

Word has been received that Barton Johnson is a patient in St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Vivian Johnson is a patient in Booth Memorial Hospital, both in Covington, Kentucky.

A NOTE TO MEMBERS: Please note on your offering envelope or check the amount intended for APPEAL. Thank you.

Edna Vaught

CYF TO ATTEND STATE MEETING

The fall activities for our CYF will begin in a big way the weekend of September 30-October 1. We will meet on the parking lot of First Christian Church promptly at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, September 30, to go to the Zionsville Christian Church in Indianapolis, where a state youth rally is being held. This will be an all day meeting beginning with registration from 9:00-10:00 A.M. and ending at 4:00 P.M. Registration fee is $1.00, but we must have advance registrations by next Sunday, September 24.

Then on Sunday, October 1, beginning at the 9:00 A.M. Church School hour, instead of the regular Church School class, we will have a 12 hour CYF Encounter, with Miss Marge Green as our leader. Total time for this experience will be the 12 hour period from 9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M. including the Celebration Worship that evening. Youth are asked to bring 75¢ to pay for their noon meal and a sack supper for the evening meal.

SCENIC AND LEARNING TRAVEL TOUR

Reservations are now in order for this event on October 21 and 22. Our church is sponsoring a travel tour in the height of fall colors to Kentucky. Special emphasis will be given to Hazel Green Academy--one of our Disciple Homeland Missions works; Transylvania College and Lexington Theological Seminary of our Churches; and Cane Ridge Historical site of the early movement of our church under Barton Stone. The bus will leave at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday and return early Sunday evening.

40 reservations are needed. It is a bus with a rest room. The transportation cost is $13.57 per person. The Saturday night lodging will be $6.00 per person in a double room or $5.00 per person in a dormitory room for four. Meal cost will be the responsibility of each participant.

Here is an opportunity for travel-learning of church institutions, enjoyable fellowship with fellow Christians. The office will receive reservations and a deposit of $10. per perspm pr $15. per couple is requested.

JUST TEN DAYS OFF-------NEW SCHEDULE--------PLAN NOW FOR OCTOBER 1

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1--WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30	A.M.	Meditative Worship (Child care through Grade 1)
9:45	A.M.	Church School with classes for all ages.
11:00	A.M.	Divine Worship (Child care through Grade 4)
5:30	P.M.	Beginning of Fall Fellowship Groups for Children, Youth, and Adults, and Child Care
7:00	P.M.	Celebration Worship (Child Care for Pre-School)

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

How rich life becomes when we sense the presence of Christ among us in our relationships! How drab and hurting life becomes when we are isolated from each other and Christ is not sensed! Both the ecstasy of presence and relationship and the anguish of absence and deadness haunted me yesterday.

I trust that each member of First Christian Church will take time to read this note. I believe and am trying to lead this congregation to sense the depth of responsibility and obligation for each member. Yet the other side of the coin is true also, every member of Christ's body has responsibility and obligation both to Him and his people.

My concern during this Church Loyalty Month is not merely to call you to church. It is the deeper concern to call your life back to God and responsible relationship with Him and His kingdom work. May we plan and be sure to incorporate an experience of worship within our day this coming Sunday. Come to give yourself in prayer and concern for God and others. Come to sense the pulse beat of Christ that it may become the pulse beat of your being. Let us build together an enthusiasm and expectance of shared life in worship, study, stewardship, fellowship, and service.

I exhort you in the name of Christ--"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglicting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23-25)

See you Sunday!

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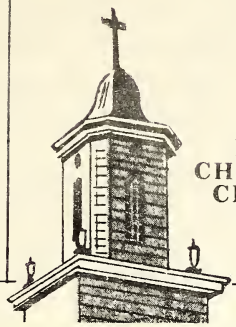

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00 A.M. CYF leaves for State Youth Rally in Zionsville

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
8:30 A.M. CYF Retreat Begins
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Groups for Children, Youth, and Adults
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

10:00 A.M. Morning Study Group

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Virginia Bruckman's, 3729 South Drive
7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
8:00 P.M. Board Meeting

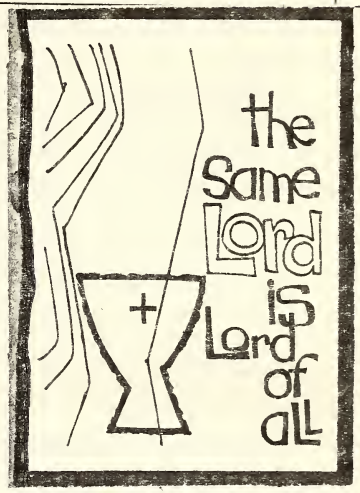
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Almeda Rice's, 3402 River Forest Dr.
7:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Ruby Mowery's, 6926 Premiere

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Lucy Young's, 4746 Stratford Rd.
7:30 P.M. Discipleship Series, Aboite Christian Church

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED STEW AND OTHER CANNED MAIN DISHES.



WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY-OCTOBER 1

Our new winter time schedule begins on WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1:

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
Morning Sermon: "The Renewal of Christian Commitment" Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 11:23-32; Hebrews 10:19-25.
5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

NOTE THESE TIME CHANGES!

SERVING OCTOBER 1

Elders

8:30 A.M. Glenn Miller and Cecil Rice.

11:00 A.M. William Schilling and Harold Crowder

7:00 A.M. David Griggs

Deacons

8:30 A.M. D. Pomeroy, J. Herchler, R. Ogles, T. Frappier.

11:00 A.M. O. McDougle, E. Allen, W. Bowen, R.H. Cole, R. Gerow, W. Gumpp, C. Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston

Deaconesses

Mary Love and Doris Sauerwein

Ushers

8:30 A.M. T. Banet, R. Flickinger, J. Kirsch

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, M. Olson, D. Smith, C. Hendrickson, R. Clifton, R. Chevalier, R. White

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview 108S Mrs. Vada Tatman
350 Mr. Lawrence Horn

Covington, Kentucky

Booth Memorial-Mrs. Vivian Johnson

St. Elizabeth's-Rev. Barton Johnson

A BIRTH: To Mr. and Mrs. Miles Zimmerman, a daughter, Kerry Marie, on 9-19-72.

FUNERAL OF MEMBER BY PASTOR: Mrs. Ruby Hilker on 9-21-72

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Vincent Wells and family in the death of his father in White Cloud, Michigan, on Sunday.

SEVEN RESPOND TO THE INVITATION:

MR. AND MRS. FRED A RICHARDSON and son, *FRED, JR.*, 4813 Devonshire, identified with us in transfer of membership from the First Christian Church in Lafayette. Fred is instructor of electronic equipment, employed by General Telephone Co. Renee' is in the home with Fred, Jr. who is in the 7th grade, Becky in the 6th grade, Richey in the 3rd grade, and Rachel who is age 2. Their zip is 06 and their phone is 447-1929.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES A HEINEY, and sons, *JEFF* and *GREG*, 5712 Northridge, identified through a transfer of membership from Franklin Memorial Church in Franklin, Indiana, James is an area supervisor for National Life Insurance Co. on West State. Mary Anne is in the home with Jeff in the 8th grade, Greg in the 5th grade, Karen in the 1st grade, and Sam who is age 4. Their zip is 04 and their phone is 432-5967.

We welcome these families into the life and fellowship of our congregation. We are expecting others to be taking a similiar step in the weeks ahead. If any have questions about surrender of life to Christ or a transfer of membership, please contact Dr. Cline.

COMMUNE WITH CHRIST ON SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. - Meditative Worship

11:00 A.M. - Divine Worship

7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1

SUNDAY EVENING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1

This weekly program from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. has been arranged so families may come and go in only one trip. Celebration Worship will follow each week at 7:00 P.M. Child Care is being provided with the hiring of Mr. Wayne Unaches from Fort Wayne Bible College for preschool children each week from 5:15 to 8:15 P.M.

COLLEGE YOUTH AND ADULTS

"Understanding the New Testament" - Dr. Cline, Leader
Presentation on Biblical context and meaning
Group interaction for clarification and application today.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - 10th, 11th, & 12th graders

Kick Off Retreat this Sunday from 8:30 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Miss Marge Green, who has served as Minister of Education at Centenary Christian Church in Indianapolis and Associate Minister of Area Youth Ministry also of Indianapolis, will lead this retreat designed to build a feeling, caring, concerned group. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keebortz are sponsors of CYF

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP - 7th, 8th, & 9th graders

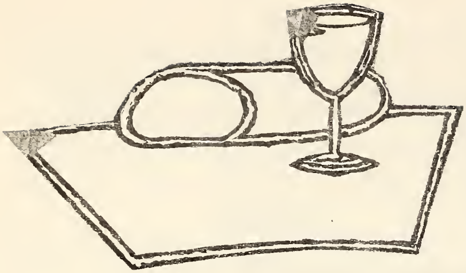
A Fellowship-Study group. Participants have opportunity to relate in depth to their peers and to Christian adults. This Sunday meeting, from 5:30-6:30 P.M. will be a time of getting acquainted and planning for the coming months. Youth choir is from 6:30-7:00 P.M. Sponsors--Tom Leeks' and Ben Taylors'

JUNIOR DISCIPLES - 4th, 5th, & 6th graders

Boys and girls in these grades are especially urged to join the group this Sunday, October 1, from 6:00-7:00 P.M. for a time of fellowship and getting acquainted. Junior Choir will meet the half hour immediately preceeding from 5:30-6:00 P.M. The sponsors are Barbara Schrock and Bob and Donna Johnson.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd graders

The story hour for children of these grades will use both Bible and contemporary stories, combined with creative activities, brief worship, and recreation. This group will meet the full hour and one half period from 5:30-7:00 P.M. Peggy Buskirk will be the leader of this group during October.



FROM THE PASTOR:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! I look forward with anticipation to WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY this coming Sunday. Since it is World Communion Sunday, I underline the concern that every reader share in one of our three worships this Sunday if possible. If any are hospitalized or homebound and desire communion, please call the church office. May we sense a making new of our covenantal relationship with Christ as Lord of life.

Our winter time schedule also begins this Sunday. We are moving our entire Sunday morning schedule back one-half hour so that our Meditative Worship will not begin in the dark in the heart of winter. Our evening program also begins this Sunday. Note these times carefully:

Meditative Worship - 8:30 to 9:30 A.M.
Church School - 9:45 to 10:45 A.M.
Divine Worship - 11:00 to 12:00 Noon
Evening Fellowship Study Groups - 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.
Celebration Worship - 7:00 P.M.

Also our full program for children during worship moves into swing. During our Divine Worship at 11:00 A.M., children from age 4 or 5 by October 1 plus children of grades one through four are asked to begin worship with parents. These children will move out as a group with leaders for singing, further focus on the sermonette, and activities for the rest of worship, immediately after the Children's Sermonette. Nursery children are in their rooms the full hour. For both Meditative Worship and Celebration Worship, child care is provided for all pre-schoolers.

I anticipate joining with you at the Master's Table this Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

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SUNDAY EVENING CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Our Celebration Worship this Sunday evening, October 1, will be led by those now in our 5th, 6th, and 7th grades. They will be using slides made during the summer on an Adventure Day as they share an original litany, written by *Cory and Danny Church, Carole Cline, Barbara Finkhousen, Stephanie Mollenhour, Steve Grimm, Fred and Becky Richardson.* These will be joined by other members of the class in presenting their slides, the litany, a modern day creation story and a brief drama for discussion by all of the participants. Mrs. Clair Buskirk and Miriam Bixenman have worked with these boys and girls as they have prepared this worship. The service will also include a full communion service.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

1:00 - 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Auction

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Study Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30 P.M. Worship Committee
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Mildred Hutchison's, 422 W. Oakdale
7:30 P.M. Study Group #2, at the Russell Wortley's, 2229 Drake Dr.
7:30 P.M. Study Group #3, at the Robert Urich's, 3315 Ivy League

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

12:30 P.M. Gamboe Group Potluck Elna Taylor, 6701 S. Anthony
7:30 P.M. World Outreach Committee
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group, Val Taylor, 5215 Werling Dr.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 P.M. Nelson Group, Donna Johnson, 350 Arcadia Ct.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Aboite Discipleship Series

MINISTERS WHO **CARE**

for Christ and the Church
for the World
for Persons

Week of the Ministry
October 8-15, 1972

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 A.M. - Meditative Worship
11:00 A.M. - Divine Worship
Sermon: "TEAM WORK IN MINISTRY"
I Corinthians 3:5 to 4:5

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
9:45 A.M. - Church School
5:30 P.M. - Graded Evening Fellowship Groups

PARTICIPATION WORSHIP
7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship
"Letting in Fresh Air"

SERVING OCTOBER 8

Elders

8:30 A.M. James Ruble and William Crouse.

11:00 A.M. Robert Rayl and Larry Barnes

7:00 P.M. Merle Rice

Deacons

8:30 A.M. R. Johnson, W. Koehlinger, V. Moore, T. Ogles

11:00 A.M. R. Russell, R. Wortley, L.A. Horn, S. Cole, P. Yentes, A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook

Deaconesses

Mary Love and Doris Sauerwein

Ushers

8:30 A.M. T. Banet, R. Clifton, J. Kirsch

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, M. Olson, D. Smith, C. Hendrickson, M. Smith, R. Chevalier, R. White

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 415 Mr. Lawrence Horn
108S Mrs. Vada Tatman

Lutheran: 393 Mrs. Linda Haggenjos

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Betty Olson and family in the death of her father, John Hayden, on 9-27 in Covington, Indiana.

To Mrs. Margaret Love and family in the death of her brother, George N. Scott on 10-2 in Findley, Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Al Powell who has been promoted to Assistant to the Treasurer at Central Soya.

TWO RESPOND TO INVITATION:

MR. AND MRS. ANDREW T. CROWE, 4727 Innsbruck Drive, identified with us Sunday from the Christian Church in Lee's Summit, Missouri. They had been members here for an earlier period also when they were living in Fort Wayne. Andy works in overseas credit for Central Soya. Joyce is in the home with Clint who is in the fifth grade and Andrew who is 4½. They also have a married daughter. Their zip number is 15 and their phone is 485-2861. We rejoice in this expression of decision which was made on their wedding anniversary.

SEPTEMBER AVERAGES:

CHURCH WORSHIP	328
CHURCH SCHOOL	153
BUDGET GIVING	$1,487.18
APPEAL GIVING	390.88

ADDITIONS DURING SEPTEMBER:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson and son, Fred, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heiney and sons, Jeff & Gregg

LAY WITNESS MISSION

December 1, Friday
6:30 P.M. - All Church Dinner

December 2, Saturday
10:00 A.M. - Coffees & Coke Parties
12:15 P.M. - Luncheons for Men and Boys and Women and Girls
7:30 P.M. - Evening Session

December 3, Sunday
8:30 or 11:00 A.M. - Worship
9:45 A.M. - Church School
7:00 P.M. - Lay Witness Evaluation

SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

All ages are invited to share in the variant activities of our Sunday Evening Fellowship Group program from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship follows at 7:00 P.M. Child care for pre-schoolers is provided from 5:15 to 8:15 P.M. The Children's Story Hour runs from 5:30 to 7:00. The Adult Group with Dr. Cline will be focusing in on the Gospel of Mark as it begins its study, "Understanding the New Testament."

CYF

The Christian Youth Fellowship extends a very special thank you to Marge Green who has served as their teacher during the past several weeks while she has been in Fort Wayne and who led the encounter retreat last Sunday. This was a 10 hour intensive encounter. Those attending felt it was perhaps the best experience they had ever had. Marge will be leaving Fort Wayne on Friday to return to her family home in Oregon. Our thanks and best wishes go with her.

The CYF, for all those in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, meets from 5:30-6:30 each Sunday, and participates in the Youth Choir at 6:30. We will begin a special study, using the Institute of Church Renewal Interrobang tapes this Sunday, as a follow-up to the retreat. We urge all who were a part of the retreat to make a special effort to be here, as well as all others in these grades.

The Interrobang sessions will include sessions on the following subjects;

How Do I Feel?
How Do I Tough the Invisible?
How Do I Let It All Hang Out?
How Do I Feel Like I Belong?
How Do I Tell It Like It Is?
How Do I Pass It On?

(continued next column)

JUNIOR DISCIPLES-4th, 5th, 6th Graders

If you missed the October 1st meeting of Junior Disciples,--don't fret--just come this Sunday, October 8, for a Chalk Talk. Junior Disciples meet from 6:00-7:00 following Choir at 5:30 P.M.

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

Our 7th, 8th, & 9th graders make up the Sunday evening Chi Rho Fellowship Group. Ben and Valera Taylor and Tom and Barbara Leek are the sponsors. The group is beginning a study of world religions. This Sunday evening they will paint the typical symbols of the great religions, studying their meaning. Be sure to wear older clothing so you can paint. Come and learn of our plans for a fall hayride and our first paper drive. We need YOU.

CYF (continued)

Each session is designed to help our youth continue in their efforts to understand themselves, their feelings, their relationship to God and to the rest of their own group and others outside the group.

STUDY GROUPS

Evening Study Group #2 and #3 will meet on Monday evening, October 9, at 7:30 P.M.. Study Group #2 will meet at the home of Russell and Nancy Wortley, 2229 Drake Drive. Study Group #3 will meet at the home of Natalie Urich, 3315 Ivy League. All interested person are invited to join one of the existing groups or to find a nucleus group of four or more persons and contact Mrs. Bixenman for help in starting another group.

NEWS FROM THE BARTON JOHNSONS:

Covington, Ky.
September 29, 1972

Thanks for your cards. We are improving.

Vivian's leg was pinned Aug. 30. She is easier. It will be four months before she can bear her weight on the "bad" leg.

I am recovering from a light stroke. About October 20-22 a vascular surgeon will "fix" the left coroted artery in order to forestall a heavier stroke.

Best Wishes
The Barton Johnsons

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
10:30 A.M. Worship with Paul Dunham preaching.

7:30 P.M. October 5
Discipleship Study Group with Merle & Bea Rice on Mahan Rd. 2 hill north of Highway #24

OUTREACH TOUR COMING SOON

Reservations must be received by next Monday noon for this weekend event scheduled October 21 and 22.

Our church is sponsoring a travel tour in the height of fall colors to Kentucky. Special emphasis will be given to Hazel Green Academy--one of our Disciple Homeland Mission works; Transylvania College and Lexington Theological Seminary of our Churches; and Cane Ridge, historical site of the early movement of our church under Barton Stone. The bus will leave at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday and return early Sunday evening.

40 reservations are needed. We will travel by bus which has a rest room. The transportation cost is #13.57 per person. The Saturday night lodging will be $6.00 per person in a double room or $5.00 per person in a dormitory room for four. Meal cost will be the responsibility of each participant.

Here is an opportunity for travel-learning of church institutions, enjoyable fellowship with fellow Christians. The office will receive reservations and a deposit of $10 per person or $15 per couple is requested. If there are questions contact Mrs. Helen Clymore or Mrs. Miriam Bixenman.

PANTRY NEEDS
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegtables
Soup

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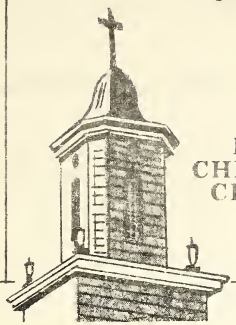

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

The Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana begins (Continues until Sunday, October 15.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 A.M. Morning Study Group

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:00 Noon CWF to the Emily E. Flinn Home, Marion
7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Aboite Discipleship Series

PANTRY NEEDS

Peanut Butter
Canned Pears
Canned Applesauce

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY:

Rev. Donald E. Bailey, Senior Chaplain of Parkview Memorial Hospital for the past two years will be preaching at the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Hours this Sunday. His sermon will be "OLD WORDS COME ALIVE" from Acts 5:29-40

Rev. Bailey is an ordained pastor of the United Methodist Church. He graduated from DePauw University and Garrett Theological Seminary and received an honorary D.D. from DePauw. He came to Fort Wayne this time from the pastorate of High Street United Methodist Church in Muncie. Some earlier work included four years as District Superintendent of the Fort Wayne District, Grace United Methodist in Kokomo for ten years, and Simpson United Methodist Church here.

"Compassion" is the theme of Celebration Worship for the next two Sundays. Steve Hall will be singing and playing his guitar this week at 7:00 P.M.

SERVING OCTOBER 15

Elders

8:30 A.M. Ray Fredericks and Rolland Ripple

11:00 A.M. George Davis and Fred Smell

7:00 P.M. Eugene Klepfer

Deacons

8:30 A.M. M. Finkhousen, L. Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse

11:00 A.M. D. Andrews, M. Grimm, R. Hendricks, R. Petty, D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles, T. Frappier

Deaconesses

Ruth Yentes and Carole Lee

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Hunt, D. Smith, M. Terry, M. Olson

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, R. Chevalier, D. Short, R. Clifton, J. Sauerwein, D. Olson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: W-4 Derek Sands for tonsilectomy
596 Mrs. Bette Gerrard
Paul Truby was released 10-8

St. Joseph: 703 Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

Parkview: 434 Mrs. Elizabeth Pattengale
s108 Mrs. Vada Tatman
Lawrence Horn was released 10-9
Mr. Elmore Schlatter entered 10-9

FUNERAL BY THE PASTOR:

Mrs. Lulu Harsbarger on 10-10-72. Sympathy is extended to her daughter, Mrs Goldie Schlatter and family.

CUSTODIAL APPLICANTS DESIRED

Any interested persons in working about 14 hours on Saturdays and Sundays to complete our custodial staff is asked to contact the church office. A Regional Campus Student or retired person might find this a good part-time job.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED...

To Mrs. Jackie Bryan and family in the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary C. DePoy, in Huntington, 10-6.

To James Heiney and family in the death of his half-brother, Louis Leercamp on 10-6.

BIRTH:

To Mr. and Mrs. Tim Haggenjos, a son, Christopher Timothy, on 10-1. The mother is the former Linda Presnell and the grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Presnell.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congralulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harvy Smeltzer who celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary of marriage last week.

THANKS TO:

Merle Rice, George Davis, Don Pomeroy, and Hugh Rice for the new bulletin board and mail boxes in the hall outside the office. Notice the calendar, information, and mail for several leaders for usage.

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Discipleship Study Group
Thursday, October 12, 7:30 P.M. with Mrs. Edith Black (first house south of Aboite)

Sunday Morning Worship and Preaching - 10:30 A.M. - Paul Dunham

CALL TO PRAYER:

Our Lay Witness Mission Prayer Committee is asking prayer by groups and individuals.

Each committee, CWF group, study group, church school class, or fellowship group is asked to set aside a few minutes for prayer in behalf of our coming Mission, December 1, 2, and 3.

Each person of our congregation is also asked to pray regularly for the Mission, for our local leadership and preparation, and for the visiting team members.

It is our feeling that if we are to really experience the presance of God during this Mission, we must begin to practice His presence with prayer beginning now--LET EACH ONE JOIN ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER NOW.

Ray Fredericks, Co-Chairman,
Prayer Committee

Pray for these Lay Witness Team Members intending to come:

Coordinator: Milford Chewning,
Fairfax, Alabama
Miss Sandy Den Broker,
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Mrs. Marie Cramer
Portage, Michigan
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Gordy
Decatur, Illinois
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hollingsworth
Indianapolis, Indiana
Mr. & Mrs. Jake Hoke
Miss Pam Hoke
Lee's Summit, Missouri
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Kussmann
Mr. Herb Kussmann
Kansas City, Kansas
Mrs. Corene Meyer
Bloomington, Illinois
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Moore
Mt. Carmel, Illinois
Mr. & Mrs. Emory Parks
Crawfordsville, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Rose
Decatur, Illinois
Mr. Edward J. Vanderveen
Grand Rapids, Michigan

LAST CALL FOR BUS TRIP:

Next Monday, October 16th, is the deadline for reservations for this fall excursion open to all of our church and friends. Participants as of writing included: Miriam Bixenman, Elaine Conrad, Dorothy Ikenberry, Martha Parkerson, Helen Clymore, Dorothy Merriman, Lona Miller, Hazel Firestone, Florence Palmer, Irene Kissinger, Harold & Colyn Crowder, Lloyd and Hilda Cline.

We need others to help fill the bus. Please consider and contact the church office as soon as possible. Many others ought to be taking advantage of this learning and fellowship trip to Kentucky. For further information, check the Tidings from last week or call the church office.

STATE ASSEMBLY-OCTOBER 13, 14, 15

First Christian Church will be represented in Indianapolis this Friday evening through Sunday afternoon in our State Assembly. Our voting delegates include Hugh & Gwynth Rice, Ray Fredericks, Judy Aker, Debbie Allen, and Miriam Bixenman. Harold Cline and Edna Vaught are also voting delegates. Other delegates include Ruby Cline, Amelia Dare, Fay Woodhall, and Elaine Conrad. These persons will be participating right through Sunday morning, but will be back for the Evening Fellowship Groups and Celebration Worship

EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

CYF - CYF officers elected for the coming year are: President, Sally Cline; Vice President, Scott Rayl; and Secretary-Treasurer, Barbara Taylor. The group is planning to sponsor a booth at the Halloween Party for residents at Turtle Creek North Nursing Home. Kathee Bryan has been named chairman of the committee on arrangements for this. The committee includes Darlene Davis, Val Williams, Debbie Nordblom, Lee Ann Urich, Barbara Taylor, Cindy Bryan, Doug Allen, Schellie Schell, Sally Cline and Scott Rayl. The committee to plan the UNICEF party for our children includes Schellie Schell and Jill Franklin. We will use tape 1 of the Interrobang series this Sunday, at 5:30 P.M.

CHI RHO - Chi Rho Fellowship for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders will meet as usual this Sunday at 5:30 P.M. We will continue the study of World Religions thru the use of a film strip, THE CHURCH AND HUMAN NEED.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES - This group for 4th, 5th and 6th graders will meet following Junior Choir from 6:00-7:00 P.M. On October 8 our study included learning about ourselves; who we are, where we are, and finding out we are more than sugar and spice. Join us October 15 for study, worship, and games.

CHOIRS - The Junior Choir will rehearse from 5:30-6:00 P.M. and the Youth Choir from 6:30-7:00 P.M. The choir program is planned to fit into the 5:30-7:00 block of time used for a church wide study program each Sunday evening. In this way, added trips to the church can be saved.

ADULTS - UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT - Participants are asked to try to read the Gospel of Mark in one sitting in preparation for this Sunday from 5:30 to 7:00. If not in one sitting, try to read the entire book anyway.

Our CHI RHO is sponsoring the first paper drive of the year on Saturday, October 21. Any papers you wish to donate should be brought to the church anytime from Sunday, October 15 - Friday, October 20. Please put them in Fellowship Hall near the water fountain. In no case can papers be accepted later than 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 21. In response to requests from our members, Chi Rho will be sponsoring a paper drive about every two months throughout the winter and spring months.

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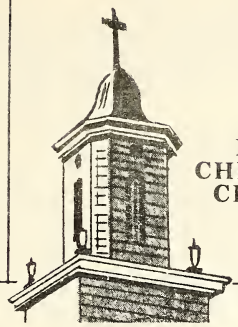

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:00-8:00 P.M. Boy Scout Fish Fry

7:30 P.M. Finance Committee and Trustees

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:45 A.M. Church School

11:00 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 P.M. Study Group #2 at the Russell Wortley's, 2229 Drake

7:30 P.M. Lay Witness Mission Prayer Committee at the Andy Crowe's, 4727 Innsbruck

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:30 P.M. Church Cabinet

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:30 P.M. Study Group #3 at Miriam Bixenman's 1810 Chartwell

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal

7:30 P.M. Aboite Discipleship Series

FROM THE PASTOR:

I rejoiced that our Regional Assembly in Indianapolis this past weekend had a positive thrust towards life, freedom, and potentialities. Our Regional church has made some crucial turning and seems to be moving to new life and vitality.

God calls each of us to an authentic life of freedom which determines our life style and which is enabled by his power. Christ and the church are at the core of the kind of life for which man and society is hungering.

Our call to worship at one of our three regular worship opportunities is not a call to duty as much as it is a call to express that God is alive in us. Celebrate and honor that fact in and through your life. I am praying and am concerned that each one of us may gain from the message of this coming Sunday morning, "TURN AND LIVE" I would encourage reading these preparatory Scriptures: Ezekiel 8: 30-32; Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:14, 15; Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:9.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

SERVING OCTOBER 22

Elders

8:30 A.M. Rufus Quinn and William Crouse

11:00 A.M. Larry Barnes and Mark Snyder

7:00 P.M. George Davis

Deacons

8:30 A.M. O. McDougle, E. Allen, W. Bowen, R.H. Cole

11:00 A.M. R. Gerow, W. Gumpp, C. Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston, R. Johnson, W. Koehlinger, V. Moore, T. Ogles

Deaconesses

Ruth Yentes and Carole Lee

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Hunt, D. Smith, M. Terry, M. Olson

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, R. Chevalier, D. Short, R. Clifton, J Sauerwein, D. Olson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: s108 Mrs. Vada Tatman

Lutheran: 350 Mr. Gene Parker

NEW ADDRESS OF PASTOR EMERITUS:

Rev. and Mrs. Barton Johnson
Newport Baptist Home
120 Main and Home
Newport, Kentucky, 41071

Let's be in prayer for his surgery which will be on October 25. He will enter Booth Hospital in Covington for this surgery.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED...

To Mrs. Goldie Schlatter in the death of her husband, Elmore, on 10/10/72.

To Mrs. Jean Langohr in the death of her father, Val A. Johnson early last week.

SPECIAL NEWS NOTES

SUPPORT OF GIDEON WORK:

$53 was received by Al Weirich from our church through individual gifts received after worship on Sunday.

OUR BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 57.....will hold its annual FISH FRY on Friday, October 20. They will be serving from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Come within these times. Cost is $1.50 for adults and $1.00 for children.

INVITATION TO FLINN HOME:

The Dedication of the completion of the second floor of the Flinn Home will be 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 29. Our Centennial Gift of $15,000 helped to accomplish this task. Drive down or call Dr. Cline for transportation. He has been invited to share on the program because of the gift from First Christian.

THANKS:

Mrs. Bette Gerrard expresses her deeply felt thanks for prayers, cards and other kindnesses shown during her recent hospitalization.

Emma and Al Schell and family wish to extend thanks and appreciation to members of the church, Sunday School classes, and CWF groups for the many prayers, cards, and flowers sent to Emma during her recent illness. We especially want to thank Dr. Cline, Mrs. Bixenman, and Ed Allen for their visits, prayers, and encouragement. All of these things, we believe, are contributing a great deal to her recovery.

Mrs. Goldie Schlatter thanks all members of the Friendly Class and others for cards and prayers and the Gamboe Group for the lovely dinner.

SIGNIFICANT CHURCH BOARD ACTIONS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1972

Action was taken recommending Mrs. Mary Dilts for residency within the Emily E. Flinn Home as a faithful and diligent participating member of our congregation.

Ed Allen, Jr., was hired for a second Intern period extending from November 18 until December 29, 1972. He will be leaving shortly thereafter to begin his studies at Brite Theological Seminary of Texas Christian University.

In response to questions concerning the operation of our state owned camps, Mrs. Bixenman gave an extended report. Action was taken to offer voluntary help from our congregation in painting, cleaning, and other preparations for the repair and opening of Barbee Christian Camp for the 1973 camping season.

The Audit Committee made a report covering the past church year which was filed. The Membership Committee reported the formation of a Telephoning group, the enlistment of hosting persons for new members, the plan to regularly invite new member families as special guests to ensuing church wide dinners, and the work towards dividing our congregation into 26 geographical groups for further programming and nurture of membership.

The problem of first quarter income of our 1973 church year was underlined. Giving has been $4,722.50 under the budgeted needs. Expenses have been held down as far as possible, but has increased our operating fund deficit from $1,037 as of June 30 to $1,739 as of September 30. We need generous and full gifts for the ongoing life and program of the church. We need to get out of the red!

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ELECTED BY THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY IN INDIANAPOLIS:

Ruby Cline was elected as First Vice-President for the Assembly which will be held in two years. This normally entails serving as program chairman.

Dr. Cline was elected as an Indiana representative to serve on the General Board of the Christian Church. This is a four year term and normally involves a substantive annual meeting.

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
7:30 P.M. - Thursday, October 19
Discipleship Study with Mr. and Mrs.
Harley Powell, north of Aboite and
south of Redding Road on west side
of Aboite Road.
10:30 A.M. - Sunday, October 22
Paul Dunham, Preaching

PAPER DRIVE

Anyone having papers for the Chi Rho Paper Drive this Saturday, October 21, is reminded that they must be here before 9:00 A.M. on Saturday. None can be accepted after that time. Bring them any day this week.

STUDY GROUPS

Study Group #3 will meet on Wednesday, October 25, at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell. Larry Barnes, Helen Clymore, and Dorothy Ikenberry are in charge of the study. Anyone interested is invited. The location is ½ block south of Anthony and Paulding Road. Turn left at the first street south of this intersection. This is Chartwell. First building on the right is 1810.

ADDITIONAL LAY WITNESS TEAM:

Will you add to your prayer list of last week these additional names of members of our Lay Witness Mission team?

Mr. and Mrs. John French
Rockwood, Michigan
Mrs. Lewis McPherron
Indianapolis, Indiana
Mr. Michael McPherron
Indianapolis, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. Don Ward
Mason City, Illinois
Miss Charlene Vanlier
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Miss Debbie Balys
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Miss Sue Den Braber
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Mr. Ronald Den Braber
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Pray for these persons regularly and for our church that it might be open to God's leading in love and truth.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

CYF will hear Tape #2 of the INTERROBANG SERIES, with ten persons having signed the contract for the entire series. Session 2 deals with the topic, "How Do I Touch the Invisible?" Everyone working on the committees to plan the UNICEF collection and party and the booth at Turtle Creek North Nursing Home party on Halloween are needed at this Sunday's meeting.

CHI RHO will visit St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at Arlington and Fairfield this Sunday to observe the symbolism and art work in that church building. Please be sure to be here promptly at 5:30 as we will leave our church then. Also be here at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, to help with the paper drive.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES worked on collages on family life this past week. This group continues to grow in number. Come join us October 22, when we will finish the collages and go on to a new area of study, worship, and a fun time.

AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP:

The CWF is sponsoring an Afternoon of Fellowship from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 5. All widows, widowers, retirees, couples over 60--in other words, all in the upper-age brackets are invited. Visiting, singing of Gospel songs, fellowship, refreshments --an informal time together is planned.

PANTRY NEEDS
Canned Fruit Juices
Breakfast Cereals

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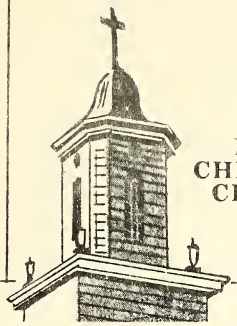

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 P.M. Hayride O.M.S. Class and "58" Class

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
2:00 P.M. Chi Rho Party
3:00 P.M. Dedication of the New Floor, Emily Flinn Home
5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Geniveve Ripple, 3405 Central Drive
7:30 P.M. Study Group #1, at the Walter Keebortz's, 4760 Reed St.
7:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Ave.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Aboite Discipleship Series
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Sharon Fredericks, 3430 Kewatin Ct.

YOUR GIFTS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING HAVE PROVIDED:

From February 1 to October 13, 130 referrals have been processed including 82 for food, 36 for clothing, and 12 for both food and clothing. The 94 food referrals have involved 116 adults and 313 children for 216 days of food or 3,601 meals. This is a ministry of First Christian which we work through referral of Social Workers of the Welfare Department for giving aid which cannot be provided through governmental agencies. Bring food regularly. Budget giving also underwrites additional food purchases to balance our supply.

REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 29

SERMON FOR MORNING WORSHIPS:
"The Bible Comes Alive" Dr. Cline
Background: Psalms 119:9-18, 103-105; Matthew 7:24-27; John 20:30, 31; II Timothy 3:10 to 4:5

EVENING CELEBRATION WORSHIP
Celebrate through Singing
Sing to the Praise of God.

SERVING OCTOBER 29

Elders

8:30 A.M. David Griggs and Hugh Rice

11:00 A.M. Merle Rice and John Merrill

7:00 P.M. Glenn Miller

Deacons

8:30 A.M. R. Russell, R. Wortley, S. Cole

11:00 A.M. P. Yentes, A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin, L. Timbrook, M. Finkhousen, L. Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse

Deaconesses

Ruth Yentes and Carole Lee

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Hunt, D. Smith, M. Terry

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, R. Chevalier, D. Short, R. Clifton, J. Sauerwein, D. Olson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: s108 Mrs. Vada Tatman

Lutheran: 689 Mrs. Sarah Likens

M-110 Mrs. Dorothy Ikenberry

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED...

To Mrs. Gladys Hoop in the death of her step-daughter, Mrs. Sara Rump on October 17.

To Mr. William Taylor in the death of his brother, Hermon, on October 19, in Crestline, Ohio.

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING:

Our church family is invited to the wedding and reception of Karen Dailey and Thomas Purkhiser at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, November 4. The reception will be from 2:00 until 5:30 at Goegline Kercheval Reserve.

FOUR RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH PLACE, SR. 1130 Columbia, transferred their membership from West Creighton Christian Church during the Meditative Worship. Kenneth is employed by General Electric and Eleanor works for Tom Wiggs. A Special Thanksgiving and Dedication Service was held Sunday for their grandchild, Tara Lynn, whose father is in service and recently transferred. They have two married sons and a daughter working in Evanston, Illinois. Their Zip is 05 and phone is 433-6903.

MR. AND MRS. DEAN WIDLER, 2124 Cheri Court, transferred their membership from First Christian Church in Abiline, Kansas, during Divine Worship. Dean was recently transferred here by Central Soya in its transportation department. Dean and Elsie have a married daughter in California, a son in Colorado State University, and a daughter working in a Clinic in Abilene. Their Zip is 04 and their phone is 432-3642.

We welcome these couples in our life together in Jesus Christ as Lord.

DEDICATION AT FLINN HOME:

All are cordially invited to the Dedication Service for the Completion of the Second Floor on Sunday, October 29th, at 3:00 P.M. Drive down to 615 W. 12th Street, Marion, or contact Dr. Cline about a ride as some are going.

INVITATION TO MEMORIAL SERVICE:

A community memorial service is being held at 3:30 P.M., Sunday, October 29th, for Dr. Frederic A. Doppelt, who served the Achduth Vesholm Congregation, 5200 Old Mill Road, for almost 30 years. We are invited to join in this tribute.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We are glad and anxious to keep in contact with our college students. If there are additions or corrections to this listing, will you kindly call the church office. Please help keep the office informed of all changes of address.

Regional Campus
Deborah Allen
James Brickley
Steven Bruckman
Julia Crouse
Muriel Crouse
Steven Hall
John Hendrickson
Mary Jenkins
Nancy Lambick
Sandra Mills
Anita Petty
Charles Snouffer
James Taylor
John Weicker

Ball State
Edwin Allen, Jr.
Rebecca Banet
Carolyn Burkett
Joyce Howell
Nancy Skelton
Patty Wetzel

Indiana University
Steven Craig
Alan Craig
Richard Hendricks
Barbara Love
Nathan Love (Graduate School)
Pamela Meadows
Theresa Meadows
Lee Ann Penny
Richard Penny
Frederick Warner

Purdue University
Marlene Crouse
James Presnell
Jane Weicker
Cindy Yentes

Marion College
Rebecca Buskirk

University of Michigan
Judith Cole

Vanderbilt Seminary
Frederick Craig

University of Cincinnati
Glen Hunt

DePauw
Gary Parkerson

University of Kansas
Steven Powell

Miami University-Ohio
Linda Jenkins Yokel

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
7:30 P.M., Thursday, October 26
Discipleship Study with Mrs. Bernice Anderson--Third House North of Lafayette Center Road on Gumpp Road
10:30 A.M. Sunday, October 29
Paul Dunham, Preaching

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

All Children and Youth from first grade through high school who are here for the evening study program this Sunday, October 29, will go Trick or Treating for UNICEF between the hours of 5:45 and 6:45 P.M. Everyone is asked to arrive at 5:30 as usual, when the Junior Group will go to choir for a brief rehersal, while other groups have just this 15 minute period in their own groups for preparation for going out. Children are asked to come in costume. CYF is sponsoring the party and dirve. There will be prizes for the most original costume and for the funniest costume among the small fry, and refreshments for all. Young children will be supervised by CYFers.

UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund goes into all countries of the world to help children in need. However, the money must be matched on a two for one basis by the country where it is used. Thus, we can help countries to help their own through our colledtions and our gifts to UNICEF.

CHI RHO HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Chi Rho Fellowship (for 7th, 8th & 9th graders) will have a Halloween party here at the church on Sunday afternoon, starting at 2:00 P.M. There will be lots of fun, plus roasting of weiners with all the trimmings. Bring 50¢ to cover costs.

CYF NOTES

CYFers who will help with the booth at the Halloween Party for residents at Turtle Creek North Nursing Home are to get in touch with Kathee Bryan for your work assignment for that evening. Decorating the booth will be done from 5:30-7:00, with the party itself from 7:30-9:00, Tuesday, October 31. If you are helping with the party, come masked.

HAYRIDE FOR O.M.S. CLASS AND "58" CLASS

All members and friends of these two classes are invited at 7:30 P.M. Friday, October 27, to meet at Anthony Wayne School, South Bend and Covington Roads, to share in a Hayride and Weiner Roast. All food will be furnished. Call Deanna Ruble at 747-3563 if you plan to attend. Cost is $1.00 for hayride and $1.50 for food per couple.

CWF SEWING FOR WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

This will be displayed during the Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, the 29th. Share in the fellowship time and observe the sewing done by our women to be shared for World Community Day.

AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP

2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 5. All over 60 cordially invited for a new experience together.

PANTRY NEEDS

Large size Women's coats and Dresses

Empty 1 lb Coffee Cans

Canned Fruit Juices

Boy's Underwear

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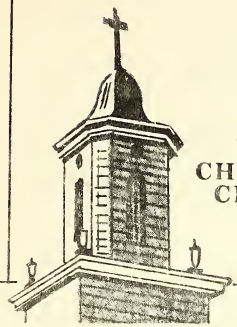

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

1:00 P.M. - Dailey-Purkhiser Wedding

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
2:00-4:00 P.M. Afternoon of Fellowship
4:00 P.M. CYF Snack Supper
4:30 P.M. Membership Committee
5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30 P.M. Study Group #2, at the Jack Sauerwein's, 4715 South Wayne

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Ethel Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd.
7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
8:00 P.M. Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:30 P.M. Information Services
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Helen Clymore, 5210 Buell Drive

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal

PANTRY NEEDS
Canned SPAM, Canned fruit juices, children's underwear

AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP

Widows, Widowers, Retired Couples, or "All Persons over 60"--We invite every one who falls in the above categories for our AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP this Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the church. This informal gathering is sponsored by our C.W.F.

Gospel Songs will be led by Rolland Ripple accompanied by Mrs. Lillian Scott. Wendall Guildin will sing a solo. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Quinn are in charge of transportation for any needing rides.

Visiting, games, refreshments, talking will be a part of this special time for those over 60. The latchstring is out to come and bring friends for this AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP.

WORSHIP--EVERY SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER

SERMON FOR MORNING WORSHIPS-NOV. 5
"Prayer Becoming Real" Dr. Cline
Background: Psalms 51:1-17; I Samuel 1:3-28; Luke 18:9-14; Colossians 1:3-14

CELEBRATION WORSHIP
Sharing and Interaction on "New Life"

SERVING NOVEMBER 5

Elders

8:30 A.M. Cecil Rice and Bert Leversee

11:00 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and Ralph Church

7:00 P.M. Earl Plummer

Deacons

8:30 A.M. D. Andrew, M. Grimm, R. Hendricks, R. Petty

11:00 A.M. D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles, T. Frappier, O. McDougle, E. Allen, W. Bowen, R. Cole

Deaconesses

Mrs. J.E. Weicker and Mrs. Robert Ogles

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, G. VanWagner, M. Olson, J. Weicker

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, J. Sauerwein, M. Smith, H. Stevenson, D. Passwater, D. Olson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 689 Mrs. Sarah Likens

St. Joseph: 821 Mr. Marion Favory

Parkview: s108 Mrs. Vada Tatman

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED...

To Herb Banet in the death of his brother in Wisconsin on the 21st.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Emory Lewis Craver and Susan Marie Presnell on 10/28/72. They are residing at 5508 Allendale.

THANK YOU NOTE:

"Again we know God's mercy-thank you for your prayers, cards, and good wishes As

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CHURCH BOARD MEETING

All members of the church board are asked to be present at 8:00 P.M. next Tuesday. Along with the regular reports action is due on a change in signers for the operating account of the Memorial Funds, a recommended policy for church bulletin boards, a recommendation of room plaques, and a new orientation program for new members.

OCTOBER AVERAGES

Church Worship	339
Church School	152
Budget Giving	$1619.10
Appeal Giving	456.19

OMISSION IN COLLEGE LISTING:

We regret that the following names were left out of the listing last week. Daniel Auer is Student teaching this quarter and will finish at Ball State in the Spring and Bruce Lehman is a student at the Regional Campus

UNICEF

Some 40 of our children and youth went "Trick of Treating" for UNICEF last Sunday evening. A total of $100.30 was gathered, including that given in the boxes at the Church.

STUDY GROUPS

All study groups in the church are invited to share in a social evening on Friday evening, November 10, at 6:30 P.M. You will be notified of full details concerning the shared meal. Save the date and plan to come.

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you read this may you also know God's loving care is with you as it is with us."

Jack & Bette Gerrard

LAY WITNESS MISSION

Plans and preparations and prayers are increasing in tempo for our coming Lay Witness on the weekend of December 1, 2 and 3. Every member and friend of First Christian is encouraged to become involved and find the enrichment of this weekend encounter and experience. Over forty guests have now committed themselves to come and lead us under the leadership of Milford Chewning.

Here is the calendar for the weekend:

Friday, December 1

5:00 P.M. - Meeting for the Guest Team and a few of our leaders.

6:30 P.M. - ALL CHURCH DINNER - This will be a covered dish meal. The dinner will be followed by singing, introduction of the team, several witnesses sharing, and small group interaction. Milford Chewning will lead a special group for children ages 5 to 11 during the small groups.

Saturday, December 2

8:30 A.M. - Team meeting for Planning and Prayer

10:00 A.M. - 28 Coffees for men and women in homes scattered throughout our community. Everyone will be personally invited to a coffee. 5 Coke Parties for our youth will be held.

12:30 P.M. - Salad Luncheon for Women and Girls in our Fellowship Hall.

- Served Luncheon for Men and Boys at the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethern for $1.25 per person.

5:15 P.M. - Team meeting and Buffet Supper at the Clines.

7:30 P.M. - Evening Session including singing, Witnesses, Small Groups, including program for children and youth.

Sunday, December 3

8:00 A.M. - Team Meeting for Planning and Prayer

8:30 A.M. - Meditative Worship with Milford Chewning speaking

9:45 A.M. - Church School with Guest Team leading all youth and adult classes.

11:00 A.M. - Divine Worship with Milford Chewning speaking

12:30 P.M. - Catered Luncheon for all interested persons and the team. It will be a boxed chicken dinner at $1.00 per person.

7:00 P.M. - Celebration and Sharing and Evaluation of Lay Witness Mission among our people since the team leaves after lunch.

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OUR PRAYER PREPARATION FOR OUR MISSION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. Request for persons and groups to pray for our team, our church and the working of God's Spirit for this weekend.
2. Special undergirding of the Lay Witness Mission by members limited by health from active participation and visits by team on these persons.

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OUR PRAYER PREPARATION (from page 3)

3. Mailing of "The Great Discovery" to all of our local homes for reading and guidance in prayer. Look for it this next week and use it!
4. Mailing of Prayer Reminder Cards for Table Grace and daily prayer.
5. Open Chapel for Prayer from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. from Monday, November 20 through Friday, December 1.
6. Twenty-four Hour Chain of Prayer from 6:30 P.M., on Wednesday, November 28, until 6:30 P.M., November 29.

PRAY FOR LWM TEAM

Our team who will be sharing with us desires our prayer undergirding. Pray for our church our guest team members and for your own relationship with God. Additional team members include:

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawson
Crawfordsville, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. John Kocks
Peoria, Illinois
Dr. and Mrs. David N. Griffith
Dadeville, Alabama
Mrs. W.C. Koehler
Monroe, Wisconsin

As our guests make plans and sacrifices to come and share the love of Christ with us, may we be making our plans and preparations to experience this happening for all of us during the opening weekend of the Advent-Season.

CHI RHO

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Leek will be meeting with our Chi Rho this Sunday evening. The group will use a game made from the symbols and new words they have been studying.

CYF

CYF will have a snack supper here at the Church at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 5. There is no cost for this meal. The purpose is to provide time for a general discussion of future plans and direction for our group. The regular meeting, using the third "Interrobang" tape will follow at 5:30. Everyone is urged to come and to share your feelings and hopes for the group.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS SERIES:

During Church School, 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. for the next eight Sundays, the pastor will be leading a Discipleship Class for senior high youth, college youth, and adults. It meets in the first classroom north of fellowship hall on the ground floor.

Interested persons are asked to be present Sunday and preferably to call the pastor and indicate your willingness to participate in this look at basics of our faith and our church. Regular participation is encouraged for this series involving presentations, reading, interaction, questions and discussion.

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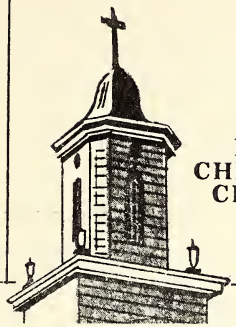

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 P.M. Study Groups Fellowship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:30 P.M. Study Group #2, at the Jack Sauerweins, 4715 South Wayne
7:30 P.M. Study Group #3, at the Larry Barnes, 1547 Knox
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Edna Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield
7:30 P.M. Worship Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Judy Church, 5126 Werling Dr.
7:30 P.M. World Outreach Committee
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group, Rosalie Hall, 3406 MacArthur

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal

BRING FOOD FOR WORSHIP CORNUCOPIA

Instead of just a nice setting for thanksgiving decoration, we are asking for an outpouring of foodstuffs to be brought to Worship on any or all of the next three Sundays. These will be used in our central chancel for our Thanksgiving decoration. Then the food will be added to our Pantry supply for this regular ongoing ministry to provide emergence food care for families in our community who come to us on referral of the Welfare Department. This is a ministry to provide food. People cannot hear our words if their stomachs are hungry.

THANKSGIVING MONTH WORSHIP

SERMON FOR NOVEMBER 12:
"Then the Spirit Gets a Hold of You"
I Corinthians 12-14; Galations 5:16-26; Romans 8:1-17, 26, 27 Acts
CELEBRATION WORSHIP: "Bridges" taking off of "Like a Bridge Over Troubled Water"

SERVING NOVEMBER 12

Elders

8:30 A.M. Harold Crowder and William Schilling

11:00 A.M. Cecil Rice and Glenn Miller

7:00 P.M. James Ruble

Deacons

8:30 A.M. R. Gerow, W. Gumpp, C. Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston

11:00 A.M. R. Johnson, W. Koehlinger, V. Moore, T. Ogles, R. Russell, R. Wortley, S. Cole, P. Yentes

Deaconesses

Mrs. J.E. Weicker and Mrs. Robert Ogles

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, G. VanWagner, M. Olson, J. Weicker

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, J. Sauerwein, M. Smith, H. Stevenson, D. Passwater, D. Olson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

LUTHERAN: 465 Mrs. Edna Bowen

ST. JOSEPH: 504 Mr. Marion Favory

PARKVIEW: 108s Mrs. Vada Tatman

BOOTH MEMORIAL-COVINGTON, KY:

Rev. Barton Johnson, who had emergency surgery on 11/4 for four hours and possible will be having more this week.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Thomas Ivan Purkhiser and Karen Sue Dailey on 11/4/72. They are residing in Apt. G-12, 1823 Griswold Drive, 05.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED. . .

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweet, in the death of their daughter, Michelle Lucille, who was born on 11/2.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION SUNDAY:

MISS JUDITH EILEEN FORD, 2127½ Wells Street, made her confession of faith and was baptized during our Meditative Worship on Sunday morning. We welcome Judy in this common obedience to Christ as Lord. She is a clerk-typist for the claims office of the Insurance Company of North America. Sewing, bowling, and camping are special interests. Her work phone is 484-4181 and her zip number is 08.

GODSPEED AS MOVE TO NEW HOME:

Hendricks and Mary Love and daughter, Susan, will be leaving after next Sunday to make their new home in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have served First Christian as elder, deaconesses, teachers, youth sponsors, choir singers, world outreach-chairman, and church school supply secretary. Sunday the 12th is the last with us. We thank them for their ministry among us here and ask God's blessing on them in their new location.

STUDY GROUP PARTY

All of our study groups have been invited to bring their families and join in the party in Fellowship Hall this Friday evening, November 10, at 6:30 P.M. Bring covered dishes sufficient for your family and your own table service. Come prepared for a full evening of fun, fellowship, and sharing.

PANTRY NOTE

You will help the Pantry Committee so much if you will mark the sizes in the used clothing you bring for the Pantry.

HOSTING OUR COFFEES AND COKE PARTIES FOR LAY WITNESS MISSION:

One meaningful part of our Lay Witness Mission weekend, December 1-3, will be the coffees and coke parties held in homes across our community. All members and friends will be invited to a group near them. Plan to share in these coffee groups at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 2. They are for both men and women. They will be led by our visiting team members.

HOSTING	ADDRESS	PHONE
Herdis & Audrey Helmuth	1232 Fairfield	743-4353
Larry & Cheri Barnes	1547 Knox, New Haven	493-2839
Mark & Rosemary Krull	3466 S. Washington Rd.	432-6181
James & Mary Anne Heiney	5712 Northridge	432-5967
Bill & Marge Lehman	4110 Huth Drive	432-3197
Orie & Marilyn McDougle	1109 N. Anthony Blvd.	429-6194
Don & Judy Passwater	1819 Crescent Ave.	422-5968
Robert & Inez Petty	3721 Kirkwood	484-4686
Ray & Sharon Fredricks	3430 Kewatin Ct.	493-1157
Gale & Mimi Hunt	5322 Dial Rd.	485-3608
Bruce & Ruth Stone	1408 Traders Crossing	637-6805
Bill & Joann Franklin	3615 Bowser Ave.	456-8918
Mrs. Ina Smith	4321 Champlain Dr.	744-4579
George & Sara Davis	4610 Hessen Cassel Rd.	446-7321
Ralph & Judy Church	5126 Werling Dr.	447-5691
Myrl & Penny Beachley	4128 Wayne Trace	447-6314
Tom & Susan Knuckles	6112 Lawnsdowne	444-8173
Mildred Hartman & Mildred Hutchison	422 W. Oakdale Dr.	745-1944
Mrs. Ethel Lahmon	223 W. Sherwood Terrace	745-9538
Walter & Edna Bowen	1017 Pasadena Dr.	449-1264
Louis & Anna Chasar	6141 S. Calhoun	744-0753
Virgil & Bernice Montgomery	716 Archer Ave.	427-7102
Homer & Hortense Stevenson	5022 Gardenview	747-5651
Earl & Reba Fusselman	6309 Bluffton Rd.	747-5927
Gene & Eileen Klepfer	806 Ardis	747-3077
Don & Ruby Pomeroy	7611 Worth Dr.	747-9790
Harley & Ethel Powell	Rt. 1, Roanoke, 8624 Aboite Rd.	672-2887

COKE PARTIES FOR YOUTH:

College & Career - Ed and Debbie Allen	306 E. Maple Grove	745-4317
Grades 11 & 12 - Cindy Hunt	1721 Shamrock	747-6480
Grades 9 & 10 - Bill Urich	3315 Ivy League	748-7709
Grades 7 & 8	At the church	
Grades 5 & 6	At the church	

THANKSGIVING DINNER - November 19

5:30 P.M. is the beginning time for all families to share a covered dish dinner at the church. New members since May 1, will be special guests. Keith and Virginia Hall, missionaries to India, whom we have helped to support since 1945 will be sharing with us the evening and speaking. Special music and singing is planned. Bring table service and a covered dish.

HELP THROUGH SAVING--
STAMPS AND COUPONS

All are encouraged to share in the CWF USED STAMP PROJECT. There is a new recepticle on the window sill opposite the Chapel. Please deposit stamps there for Mrs. Bette Gerrard to process and mail on. Cut stamps out where sealed and allow an edge so you do not damage the stamp. All foreign and U.S.A. stamps are wanted except small regular issues under 25¢, small airmail stamps, and small Canadian stamps.

In the first five months of 1972 this project netted $2,250 for our brotherhood's department of church in society to aid human need through Heifer Project, Inc, and the Food for Work program of Church World Service.

Betty Crocker coupons can be deposited in the box in the kitchen. These are also cared for by Mrs. Gerrard and are used to secure additional kitchen supplies and equipment.

YOUTH NOTES

CYF will use the fourth of the "Interrobang" tapes for their meeting this Sunday evening, November 12. Each member of the group has been asked, during this week, to make sincere effort to sense the presence of God in their life through prayer.

CHI RHO will meet this Sunday at 5:30. We will meet in the kitchen and bake cookies to be shared the following week with some of our shut-in members. Ben and Val Taylor and Tom and Barbara Leek will be meeting with the group.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES will be having a panel discussion this week as they meet with sponsors Barbara Schrock and Donna and Bob Johnson.

STUDY GROUP MEETINGS

Study Group #2 will meet on Monday November 13, at 7:30 P.M. with Jack and Doris Sauerwein, 4715 South Wayne. Nancy Wortley will be the Study Leader.

Study Group #3 will meet on Monday, November 13, at 7:30 P.M. with Larry and Cheri Barnes, 1547 Knox. Natalie Urich and Paul Dunham will be Study Leaders.

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Worship and Communion each Sunday at 10:30 A.M. Paul Dunham Preaching.

The Aboite Church will be having a Basement Sale November 10-11. Any items you would donate for sale would be appreciated.

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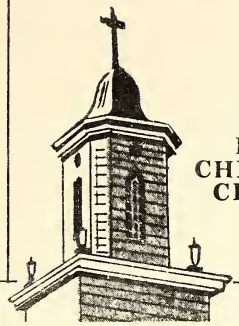

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
4:30 P.M. C.Y.F. Interrobang
5:30 P.M. All Church Dinner, with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hall, speakers
Junior Disciples - No Meeting this Sunday

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00 A.M. Study Group at Church
11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Chapel open each day for Prayer through December 1.
7:30 P.M. Study Group # 2

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1:00 P.M. Christian Women's Fellowship - General meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:30 P.M. Union Thanksgiving Service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Gaywood and Capitol Avenue

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

THANKSGIVING DAY

WORSHIP CORNUCOPIA FOR PANTRY

Canned fruits, vegetables, meats, soups, juices -- Yes, all staple foods are asked to be brought to worship to fill our cornucopia basket full and overflowing in Thanksgiving!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIPS:
8:30 & 11:00 A.M. -- Unique Expression

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH OFFERING
All Church School and special envelopes

THANKSGIVING DINNER:
All Church Dinner at 5:30 P.M.

THANKSGIVING NEIGHBORHOOD WORSHIP
7:30 on 22nd at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

FOR DETAILS -- READ PAGE FOUR!

SERVING NOVEMBER 19

ELDERS

8:30 A.M. Larry Barnes, Robert Rayl

11:00 A.M. William Crouse, James Ruble

DEACONS

8:30 A.M. Arthur Mowery, E.M. O'Laughlin, LeRoy Timbrook, Max Finkhousen

11:00 A.M. Leon Johns, Herbert Banet, Marvin Crouse, Dennis Andrew, Merle Grimm, Robt. Hendricks, Robert Petty, Donald Pomeroy

DEACONESSES

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mrs. Robert Ogles

USHERS

8:30 A.M. Geo. Bruckman, Don Smith, G. Van-Wagner, M. Olson, Jack Weicker

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, J. Sauerwein, M. Smith, H. Stevenson, D. Passwater, D. Olson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran Hospital: 465 Mrs. Edna Bowen, 240 Mrs. Fern Teeple

Booth Hospital, Covington, Ky. Rev. Barton Johnson

Parkview: Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Rm 309

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Mrs. Albert Powell in the death of her sister a couple of weeks ago.

STAFF NOTES:

Mrs. Barbara Short is currently on a two week vacation from the office.

Syed Parvais Ahmed, a student at Ivy Tech, has been hired as weekend custodian. Just call him "Abraham". His parents are natives of India and Pakistan.

Ed. Allen, Jr. will begin his second period as Intern on Saturday, November 18

THANK YOU:

"We are pleased to report that my health is almost back to normal and that we are serving at the Westside Christian Church in Evansville. Your cards and your prayers were a very real blessing to me during my hospitalization and made a strong contribution to putting me back in Christian Service. Thank you.

Lozier and Betty Ziegler

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C.W.F. GENERAL MEETING

All women are invited next Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1:00 P.M. for the November CWF meeting. The program and worship is a special Thanksgiving Candlelighting service led by Deanna Ruble and Jean Gerow of the Brummel Group. Hosting is the Higdon Group and refreshments by the Gamboe Group.

MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL GIFTS:

Mrs. Evelyn Gaskill made a special gift for Nathex furniture in memory of her husband Ansel Gaskill. Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold made a gift in memory of Mrs. Ella Maxwell.

In memory of Mrs. Ruby Hilker gifts were received from Mrs. Ida Weaver, Mrs. Lillian Scott, and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold, and Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Church.

These gifts totalled $141 for the various funds of the Memorial and Special Gift program of the Church. Gifts are welcome at any time in memory of persons and are handled according to the program established by the congregation last spring. Questions or information concerning this program including Will bequests should be directed to the Senior Pastor or members of the Finance Committee.

CYF INTERROBANG

The CYF will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. this coming Sunday to complete discussion and use of last week's tape. The rest of our evening program gives way to our Thanksgiving Dinner. Celebration Worship participants are invited to join the Eucharist in the parlor immediately after the other program.

ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

10:30 A.M. - Thanksgiving Sunday Worship with Ed. Allen, Jr. preaching.

7:30 P.M. - Community Thanksgiving Service of four congregations with Paul Dunham preaching.

Thanks to the Aboite Church for the supply of food given the Pantry.

CHILD CARE AT EVERY SERVICE!

ACTIONS BY THE CHURCH BOARD ON NOVEMBER 7, 1972

The Board unanimously approved the working statement of purpose of the planning committee. It reads as follows:

"The purpose of First Christian Church is to enable persons to discover and relate to Jesus Christ in order that:

1. They experience meaning and satisfaction in their own lives;
2. They develop a contagious impact on others; and
3. They demonstrate a growing love for all persons and groups of persons both in the community and in the world."

A minor procedure of the "PROGRAM AND POLICIES FOR MEMORIALS, SPECIAL GIFTS, AND WILL BEQUESTS TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA." was amended to allow for only one signer for operating checking and savings accounts. Two signatures are still required on all major funds. This was a joint recommendation of the finance committee and trustees.

At the recommendation of the Information Services committee room numbering and naming plaques were approved for immediate installations and policies were established for the bulletin boards. The bulletin board opposite the offices becomes the official announcement board; the NE and SW boards become artistic display boards, and the ground floor hall will be a building lay-out explanation.

A motion from the Membership committee was established to institute new member orientation meetings immediately. Six key leaders, host persons, and new members will share the evening informally. The first two sessions for new members during this church year will be Sunday and Monday evenings, November 26 and 27.

Recommendations approved from the Christian Action and Community Service committee included approval to supply 200 loaves of bread for the Martin Luther King Center for Christmas food and encouragement of groups to cooperate in the PACE Christmas parties in various state penal and correctional institutions.

OUR LAY WITNESS MISSION IS COMING ON DECEMBER 1, 2, 3.

SAY "YES" now to the invitations extended for;

- All-Church Dinner and Opening Session on Friday at 6:30 P.M.
- Phone invitation to nearby coffee or youth coke party.
- The Women & Girls Luncheon and the Men & Boys Luncheon Saturday noon.

PRAY IN behalf of this weekend together:

- Include the following addition to our team members for personal prayers of intercession: Mr. & Mrs. Hobe Albright, Dunlap Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. J.W.R. Alfred, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Mrs. Frederick Laeser, Monroe, Wisconsin; and Mr. Benjamin E. Carver, Fredericksburg, Virginia.
- Use our Chapel for prayer and meditation daily from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. from Monday November 20, through December 1. Come and go at your convenience. A full printed list of the guest LWM team will be available for intercessory prayer as well as other prayer and meditative helps.

Thanksgiving to God.

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY WORSHIP

Morning Worships at 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Prepare by reading Psalm 103, 104, 105, 106, 107 and Ephesians 1:3-10 and Philippians 4:4-20.

Bring a personal list of things for which you give thanks. Bring food to share in the Worship Cornucopia for the Pantry Program.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

We need to receive a minimum of $1,819 in regular envelope giving for on going work of our church. Then the total Church School offering and the special Thanksgiving envelope is an over-and-above offering for world outreach through Unified Promotion of the Christian Churches.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT 5:30 P.M.

An All-Church dinner is scheduled for 5:30 P.M., with 21 new members as special guests along with Keith and Virginia Hall who have been evangelistic missionaries serving in India since 1945. Bring table service and covered dishes according to this general guideline: A-H salads, I-M hot vegetables N-R meat dish, S-Z desserts. Singing is under the direction of Natalie Urich. The Halls will speak. Child Care provided.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY -- THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 19th, marks our 101st anniversary as a chartered congregation and marks 20 years in the current building and location. Our heritage as a congregation and the dedication of those before us gives added cause for

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Participants in Celebration Worship are asked to share in the program of the All-Church Dinner. A Communion celebration will be held in the Parlor for those not in morning worship immediately following the dinner program.

NEIGHBORHOOD UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

7:30 P.M., Wednesday the 22nd at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Gaywood and Capitol Avenue. Father John Gillig and Rev. William Meddock will bring brief meditations. Dr. Cline will be leading in a special Thanksgiving reading.

THANKSGIVING FOR LAY WITNESS MISSION

A deep sense of gratitude pervades our church for the efforts of many in preparing for our weekend of the Lay Witness Mission both in work and in prayers. We will be long indebted to our guest team who will come at their own time and expense to share with us about Christ. We now have 38 adults and 7 youth on our team from 8 states. Our anticipation is that many of our people will truly be thankful for this coming experience of our Lay Witness Mission.

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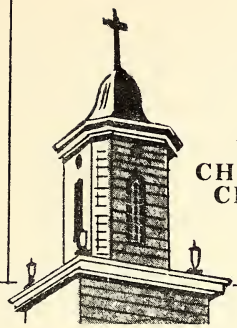

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
7:00 P.M. Lay Witness Mission Prayer Committee and other interested persons, for prayer.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
10:00 A.M. Finance Committee and Trustees

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26
8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "Beginning With Me"
5:30 P.M. Evening Fellowship Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
8:15 P.M. New Member Orientation

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27
11:00 to 2:00 P.M. Chapel open for prayer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
11:00 to 2:00 P.M. Chapel open for prayer
7:30 P.M. Church Planning Committee

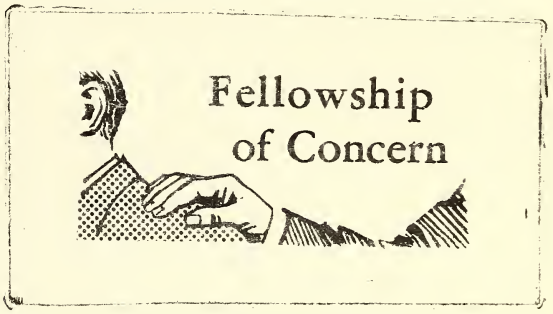
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
6:30 P.M. 24 hour Prayer Vigil begins

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
6:30 P.M. L.W.M. Opening dinner

WORSHIP CORNUCOPIA FOR PANTRY

Canned fruits, vegetables, meats, soups, juices - Yes, all staple foods are asked to be brought to worship to fill our cornucopia basket full and overflowing in Thanksgiving!



A FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN :

Concern has been expressed and is being expressed in many ways in these weeks as we move towards our Lay Witness Mission. We trust that every member and friend of our congregation is aware of the rich opportunity just ahead during this "in church retreat". Again this week the basic program is outlined on Page 3. We wish that each person would avail himself of each session of our Lay Witness Mission. If you need a ride, call the church office for transportation is available.

It is recognized in the final analysis that participation is the determination of each person and each family. This weekend has been announced for six months now. The responsibility of being present rests on each person. Concern for one another cannot make the decision. Only each person has that power.

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PREPARATION SUNDAY FOR LAY WITNESS MISSION

Attend at least one of our three worships:
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

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SERVING NOVEMBER 26

ELDERS

8:30 A.M. Fred Smell, George Davis

11:00 A.M. Rolland Ripple, Ray Fredericks

DEACONS

8:30 A.M. John Hechler, Robert Ogles, Thomas Frappier, Orie McDougle

11:00 A.M. Ed Allen, Sr. Walter Bowen, Romane Cole, Ronald Gerow, Walter Gumpp, Clarence Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston, C. Robert Johnson.

DEACONESSES

Mrs. Dennis Andrew, Mrs. Rolland Ripple

USHERS

8:30 A.M. George Bruckman, Don Smith, C. Van Wagner, M. Olson, Jack Weicker.

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, J. Sauerwein, M. Smith, H. Stevenson, D. Passwater, D. Olson

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS: Lutheran- 240 Mr. Robt. Sheets

Parkview: 434 Mr. Chester Norton

Lutheran: 691 Mrs. Fern Teeple

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGinnes, a daughter, Amanda Marie, born on November 16, 1972.

THANKS FOR SECRETARIAL HELP:

Andrea Benny, Elsie Widler, and Sharon Fredericks have helped with some office work in the absence of our receptionist-secretary. Thanks!

THANKS TO OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

For the deocrations and preparations for last Sunday evening we thank Helen Clymore, Helen Williams, Dorothy Ikenberry, Robert Hendricks and Larry Barnes along with host families of our new members.

CHANGE IN LWM COFFEE:

Mr. and Mrs. Don Parlette will Host the coffee originally set for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bowen because of the latter's surgery.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Earl Snouffer and family in the death of his mother, Mrs. Mamie Snouffer - November 20, 1972

THE CALL TO GIVING:

Our budget giving last Sunday was only $1,230.37. This is nearly $600 short of our weekly needs. This pattern has continued too much during the summer and fall months so that we have accummulated a shortage in budget giving of over $6,000. This has caused our regular account to continue in the red at about $1,200 as it has been now for one full year. We are trying to hold spending down, but find it difficult in light of the low giving.

Surely the Thanksgiving season should call for generous giving. This needs to be reflected in the life of the church. We need gifts large or small from all members and friends!! We need generous and large gifts from those who can afford them!! Surely the rich blessings of life in Christ of our land of opportunity and plenty, and of the blessings at our disposal can be reflected in our giving to God. Our financial need is a serious concern in the life of our congregation just now. It calls for the help of all persons.

Our Thanksgiving offering for world outreach totals $541 to date. This is an over-and-above budget effort. We welcome giving for this need and encourage it.

Our Centennial and Indiana Appeal offering which is also over-and-above giving now totals $27,445.84. We rejoice in this and anticipate going over $30,000 by the end of December.

PANTRY GIVING:

In addition to the many staples brought last Sunday, we give thanks to Sigma Lambda Fraternity at St. Francis College and the Waynedale United Methodist Church for food gifts for this emergency aid. Several individuals have also contributed money gifts.

OUR LAY WITNESS MISSION - DECEMBER 1,2,3

The major program highlight of this church year is just over one week away. It is a weekend encounter for every member and friend of our church. 45 to 50 guests are coming to lead us out of their own lives -- truck driver, dentist, building consultant, farmer, banker, airline executive, college student, high schooler, housewife, and other vocations. Fellowship among our people, small group experience, joyous singing, sharing and listening by our guests, praying -- many things will make this weekend. We believe that God will be working through it all.

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10:00 A.M., Saturday, December 2 -- 33 Coffees and Coke Parties

All are invited to a nearby home for a coffee group led by our visiting team members. If any are without an invitation, call the church office. Our Youth from grades 5 to 8 will meet here at the church. 9th and 10th graders will have transportation leaving the church for Urich's at 9:30. Older high schoolers and college and career are in homes.

12:30 P.M. Saturday, December 2 -- Luncheons

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Women and Girls Salad Luncheon in our Fellowship Hall - Girls 10 and above are invited to this meal, Bring a salad per family and table service.

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Sunday, December 3 -- Worship, Church School, and Evaluation

Anticipation is high that this will be one of the high days in our church life during both worship hours, in all youth and adult church school classes, and in the celebration and evaluation session of our people at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening after the team has left.

EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Both the Youth and Junior Choirs will rehearse at the usual times, 6:30 and 5:30 respectively, this Sunday, As we prepare for the holiday season, regular attendance in these choirs is essential.

CYF will meet as usual from 5:30 - 6:30 this Sunday and will use the 5th of the six INTERROBANG TAPES . Members are reminded of their discussion assignment with a parent or other adult during this week.

CYFers are also reminded to be here for the coffee hour this Sunday as we are the hostesses this week.

CHI RHO MEMBERS WILL ENJOY A FILM, "Why We Celebrate Thanksgiving" at their usual 5:30 meeting. This group is also reminded of their assignment to help clean up following the dinner on Friday evening of the Lay Witness Mission, Dec. 1.

Chi Rho officers for this year have been elected as follows: Chad Cline, President; Bill Urich, Vice President; Mike Gardner, Secretary; and Fred Richardson, Treasurer.

Junior Disciples will meet as usual from 6:00 to 7:00, following the Junior Choir.

The Adult Study Group from 5:30 to 7:00 P. M. will be completing the study of the Gospel of Luke. It is open for new participants.

We have paid child care for pre-schoolers from 5:15 to 8:15 each Sunday evening.

Those is Grades 1, 2, & 3, have Children's Story Hour from 5:30 to 7:30 P. M.

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L A Y W I T N E S S W E E K E N D - DECEMBER 1, 2, 3.

HELP OUR FOOD COMMITTEE PLAN:

If you did not sign last Sunday or can not on the 26th, let us know your intentions about the following meals:

FRIDAY NIGHT - All Church Dinner - Opening Session

SATURDAY NOON - Women and Girls Salad Luncheon
- Men and Boys Served Luncheon

SUNDAY NOON - Informal Boxed Chicken Dinner

PHONE NOW:

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Dr. James Ruble	747-3563
Edna Vaught	745-3795
Virginia Bruckman	485-0168
Rosemary Krull	432-6181
Ed. Allen	745-4317

LET US HEAR FROM YOU BY SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 26th

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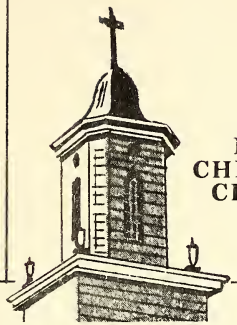

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2, & 3 - LAY WITNESS MISSION (see full calendar on page 3)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
7:30 P.M. LWM Follow Thru Committee

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Reba Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd.
7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
8:00 P.M. Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Rychie Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane
7:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Esther Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Pat Skelton, 241 E. Pettit

LAY WITNESS MISSION

This weekend is set for all to experience the love of God and to find the encouragement and examples to be carriers of that love. Our Lay Witness Mission has been discussed in our church for over a year and was scheduled by the Church Board in May. This is the weekend! Share beginning with Friday night! We are looking and praying that all will take advantage of this experience combining the preparation and prayers of us and others, the sharing and loving by our guest team, and the working of God through the channels of lives open to him. Come! Let God speak!

SERVING DECEMBER 3

Elders

8:30 A.M. Mark Snyder and Walter Keebortz

11:00 A.M. Earl Plummer and David Griggs

7:00 A.M. Cecil Rice

Deacons

8:30 A.M. W. Koehlinger, V. Moore, T. Ogles, R. Russell

11:00 A.M. R. Wortley, S. Cole, P. Yentes, A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin, L Timbrook, M. Finkhousen, L. Johns

Deaconesses

Norma Andrew and Genevieve Ripple

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T. Banet, J. Kirsch, R. Flickinger, G. Hunt, M. Terry

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, D. Allen, H. Stevenson, R. Clifton, G. Bozarth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph 408 Mr. Orlie Conner
433 Mr. David Hogg

Parkview 434 Mr. Chester Norton
215 Marilyn Smith

Lutheran 691 Mrs. Fern Teeple
662 Mr. Robert Sheets

YOU ARE INVITED: All sessions of our Lay Witness Mission are open. Adjustments can be made on all meals except too many at the last minute for the Men & Boys Luncheon. Our concern is that every member and friend come and share this experience. Even if you had decided at one time not to come, you are asked to come and join the others.

NOVEMBER AVERAGES:

CHURCH WORSHIP	346
CHURCH SCHOOL	188
BUDGET GIVING	$1598.04
APPEAL GIVING	399.78

NEW MEMBER DURING NOVEMBER:
Miss Judith Ford

THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR OUTREACH:
A total of $686.16 was received for our World Outreach Thanksgiving Offering. We thank all who shared in this over-and-above effort.

ADVENT SEASON OPENS SUNDAY:
The first candle of our Advent Wreath will be lit during both worship hours this coming Sunday morning. We will have family groups lead in this part of our worship leading to Christmas.

Some of the special highlights of the Christmas Season include:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 5:00 P.M.
All Church Caroling Night

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 7:00 P.M.
Special Christmas Carol Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 -
8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship with the Chancel Choir leading the whole service.
11:00 P.M. Candelighting Christmas Eve Worship led by College and Career Youth, Chancel Choir, and Pastors.

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8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Sunday, December 3: Morning Worships

Milford Chewning, our coordinator, will speak during both hours. The services will point to a worship climax to our weekend.

9:45 A.M. Sunday, December 3: Church School

Our guest team will lead all youth and adult classes.

7:00 P.M. Sunday, December 3: Celebration, Sharing, Evaluation

This will be a very spontaneous hour led and shared by our people as we reflect upon what God has been doing during the weekend among us. It will climas in a Eucharistic Celebration.

THE LAY WITNESS MISSION
GUEST TEAM AND HOUSING FOR THE LAY WITNESS MISSION

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LAY WITNESS MISSION COMMITTEES

Co-Chairmen: James F. Ruble and Margaret Love

Housing Committee: Sue Allen and Ruth Ogles plus hosting families listed on pages 4 and 5.

Food Committee: Nancy Wortley, Barbara Schrock, Judy Aker plus Delores Overmeyer, Vee Parlette, Lavern Hunt, Doris Sauerwein, Sue Knuckles, Helen Clymore, Carol Overmeyer, Dorothy Ikenberry.

Visitation Committee: Hugh Rice and Earl Plummer plus Mark Snyder, Rolland Ripple, Elaine Conradt, Virgil and Bernice Montgomery, Rufus Quinn, Walter Birkhold, Delmas Young, Earl Fusselman, Merle Rice, Arza Smith

Welcome Committee: Fred and Rychie Smell, Homer and Hortense Stevenson plus Delmas Young, Irene Cline, Dorothy Merriman, Vaughn and Marvel Brinkley.

Youth Committte: Sally Cline plus Debbie Allen, Barbara Taylor, Diana Wortley.

Attendance Committee: Jim Ruble, Ed Allen, Edna Vaught, Clair Schryver, Virginia Bruckman, Rosemary Krull

Coffees: Judy Church and Sara Davis plus hosts and hostesses listed on page 7

Transportation Committee: Floyd and Jennie Morrical plus Ed Allen, Sr, Ed Allen, Jr., Marvin Crouse, Jack Weicker, Jeff Young, Ron and Judy Aker, Betty Gerrard

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Prayer Committee: Ralph Church and Ray Fredericks plus Andy and Joyce Crowe, Don and Judy Passwater

Literature Committee: Kathlyn Banet plus Miriam Bixenman

Child Care Committee: Jeanne Gerow and Rosemary Krull

Follow Up Committee: Ron Aker, Vincent and Connie Wells, Jim Ruble, Margaret Love, Jeanne Gerow, Hugh Rice, Ray Fredericks.

LAY WITNESS MISSION BOOK TABLE ON STAGE OF FELLOWSHIP HALL

A wide assortment of reading to help the weekend to continue on in life is available through our book table which will sell or order books as you desire. These are provided by the Institute of Church Renewal through whom we scheduled our mission, the Christian Board of Publication of the Christian Church, and the American Bible Society. Reading of the vibrant faith and experience of others can be a growth stimulus.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEES AND COKE PARTIES

Join in one of these groups meeting in homes--Go to a home to which ou have been invited by phone or find a nearest home to participate. ou are welcome at any of these homes!

OSTING	ADDRESS	PHONE
erdis & Audrey Helmuth	1232 Fairfield	743-4353
arry & Cheri Barnes	1547 Knox, New Haven	493-2839
ark & Rosemary Krull	3466 S. Washington Rd.	432-6181
ames & Mary Anne Heiney	5712 Northridge	432-5967
ill & Marge Lehman	4110 Huth Drive	432-3197
rie & Marilyn McDougle	1109 N. Anthony Blvd.	429-6194
on & Judy Passwater	1819 Crescent Ave.	422-5968
obert & Inez Petty	3721 Kirkwood	484-4686
ay & Sharon Fredricks	3430 Kewatin Ct.	493-1157
ile & Mimi Hunt	5322 Dial Rd.	485-3608
uce & Ruth Stone	1408 Traders Crossing	637-6805
ill & Joann Franklin	3615 Bowser	456-8918
s. Ina Smith	4321 Champlain Dr.	744-4579
orge & Sara Davis	4610 Hessen Cassel Rd.	446-7321
lph & Judy Church	5126 Werling Dr.	447-5691
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m & Susan Knuckles	6112 Lawnsdowne	444-8173
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ldred Hartman & Mildred Hutchison	422 W. Oakdale Dr.	745-1944
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n & Valetta Parlette	4006 Tacoma Ave	456-5747
uis & Anna Chasar	6141 S. Calhoun	744-0753
rgil & Bernice Montgomery	716 Archer Ave.	427-7102
mer & Hortense Stevenson	5022 Gardenview	747-5651
rl & Reba Fusselman	6309 Bluffton Rd.	747-5927
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n & Ruby Pomeroy	7611 Worth Dr.	747-9790
rley & Ethel Powell	Rt. 1, Roanoke, 8624 Aboite Rd.	672-2887

KE PARTIES FOR YOUTH:

llege & Career - Ed & Debbie Allen	306 E. Maple Grove	745-4317
ades 11 & 12 - Cindy Hunt	1721 Shamrock	747-6480
ades 9 & 10 - Bill Urich	3315 Ivy League	748-7709
ades 7 & 8	At the church	
ades 5 & 5	At the church	

Dear Members and Friends of First Christian:

I wish to add my final word of endorsment and encouragement to our Lay Witness Mission.

This particular program and this weekend becomes the most special highlight of this current program year in the life of our church. Work and prayers have pointed us to this experience. It is impossible to program such a highlight in a congregation regularly. This is it--don't miss a part of it if you can help it!

We also are privileged to share in the gifts of our 47 team guests. These laymen, laywomen, and youth come from variant walks of life to share Jesus Christ. We believe they will be initiators of contagious love and witnessing. Show appreciation for their sacrifice of time, travel, family life, and home church responsibilities by giving them the courtesy of your attendance and attention. Let God touch your life through these living incarnations of God's love.

Many of us have shared together in open talk about needs and dreams of the church. We have heard and talked about warmness and friendliness among members, about commitment and enthusiasm, about youth, about the reality of Christian life, about love and relationship, about joyous singing. These needs have been reversed and often have been the results of Lay Witness Missions in other churches. In other words, here is a program designed to fulfill some of the longings and desires which we carry and dream for our lives and our church. The Lay Witness Mission is designed for people to find and to share the depth of joyous commitment to Christ as Lord of life.

Finally, I would just challenge you to participate in our Lay Witness Mission. Come home for the weekend if you are in college. Trade working hours in order to participate in as much of the Mission as you can. Cast secondary involvements aside so that you can be present. Start with anticipation on Friday night and then share as completely as you can in the whole weekend with an open mind and life. Pray for God to use the guest team and the Mission for the benefit of your life and for the life of our congregation. "All things are ready--come to the feast." Come and let God fill you where you need it.

I am looking for you--the doors are open to all--reservations or not--COME!

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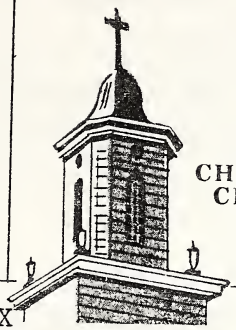

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9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Mary Cook, 323 Oakdale
7:30 P.M. World Outreach Committee
7:30 P.M. Wel-Kum-All Group, Paul and Carol Dunham, Ossian

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Audrey Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield
7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee
7:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Kathlyn Banet, 933 Oakdale

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Jeanne Gerow, 4701 South Wayne
8:00 P.M. Bible Study Group, Dean and Elsie Widler, 2124 Cheri Court

FOCUS ON KEY 73

The evangelistic mandate of the church will be highlighted as we end 1972 and begin 1973. We are already into the daily prayer at noon for Key 73 to confront every person of our continent with Christ during this new year.

The sermons will give a base for our participation:

December 31 - "The Time is Now"
John 4:1-42

January 7 - "What I Have"
Acts 3:1-10; 4:13-22

Plan for Saturday night, January 6. From 7:30 to 8:00 P.M. is a special "Faith in Action" program of Key 73 over Channel 33. This is being carried by over 250 stations in the US and Canada. Invite 4 to 8 persons to join in your home to watch and to discuss and to share.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION WORSHIP
7:00 P.M. - A participation Worship experience of preparation for a new year.

SERVING DECEMBER 31

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11:00 A.M. Robert Rayl and Larry Barnes

7:00 P.M. Ralph Church

Deacons

8:30 A.M. R. Petty, D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles

11:00 A.M. T. Frappier, O. McDougle, E. Allen, W. Bowen, R. Cole, R. Gerow, W. Gumpp, C. Hetrick

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11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, D. Allen, H. Stevenson, R. Clifton, G. Bozarth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 704 Mr. Orlie Conner

Lutheran: 789 Mrs. Fern Rittell

Parkview: L617 Mrs. Joan Gumpp

BIRTHS:

To William and Nila Schilling, a daughter, Sue Ellen, born on 12-18-72.

To Daniel and Peggy Erickson, a son, Scott Daniel, born on 12-18-72 in Germany. Grandparents are Bill and Margaret Love.

MEMBER TO FLINN HOME:

Mrs. Fern Teeple was admitted to the Flinn Home in Marion on December 2. Her address is c/o Emily E. Flinn Home, 615 W. 12th St., Marion, Indiana, 46952

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM:

The Robert Hendricks Family
The Andy Crowe Family
The Bob Schrock Family
Anita Fitch
Mrs. Lena Runkle
Bert and Margaret Leversee
The Harold Nordblom Family
The Jack Sauerwein Family
Vada Tatman
Leland and Mary Higgins
Earl and Ruth Plummer
Helen Clymore
The Ross Nierman Family
The Charles Hunt Family
Mr. and Mrs. Merland Heller
Opal Perkins
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mowery
The George Davis Family
The Russell Wortley Family
Bill and Anna Taylor
Chair Schryver and Family
Mary Piatt
The Robert Rayl Family
John Heiney and Staff, the Allen County Welfare Department
Paul and Carol Dunham
The Al Schell Family
The Culburtsons
Jack and Betty Gerrard
The Don Passwater Family

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Hazel Herndon in the death of her sister and Mrs. Phyllis Seckler in the death of her mother--Mrs. Audrey Baldwin last week.

SOX AND MITTENS TO CLEVELAND HOME

30 pairs of mittens, 23 pairs of soxs and 1 stocking cap were sent last week to the Cleveland Christian Home from our tree.

EMERGING SMALL GROUPS

One of the important continuing aspects of church renewal across the land is the emergence and participation through small groups. Our church has had a beginning in these especially this fall. Now our Lay Witness Mission is impelling considerable more interest in this type of endeavor. The following lists are the core persons of groups which are quite open for others to join them. Call one of the persons or just go to the next group meeting which is announced with the group. These are open and desirous to have others join with them.

MONDAY MORNING GROUP

Prayer, Share, Study Group - Finishing a Bible Study and beginning "THE COMPANY OF THE COMMITTED" shortly - 10:00 A.M., Monday, January 8 at the church. Peggy Buskirk, Kathlyn Banet, Judy Church, Lois Finkhousen, Connie Merrill, Pauline Snyder, Fern Strole.

MONDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Prayer, Share, Study Group - 1:00-2:30 P.M. on Monday, January 15, with Mrs. Margaret Love, 341 W. Maple Grove. Mary Sue Ludwig. Need more!

MONDAY EVENING GROUPS:

Wel-Kum-All Group - 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, January 2, with Paul and Carol Dunham, Ossian, Indiana. Larry and Cheri Barnes, Natalie Urich, Miriam Bixenman, Dorothy Ikenberry, Judy Ford, Helen Clymore, Mildred Hartman.

Study Group No. 2 - Meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings Ron and Judy Aker, Jack and Doris Sauerwein, Don and Barbara Short, Russ and Nancy Wortley

Study Group No. 3 - Time and place announced in TIDINGS calendar. Bob and Penny Beachley, Bob and Donna Johnson, Walter and Deloris Keebortz, Ben and Val Taylor, Jim and Deanna Ruble.

WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUPS:

Bible Study Group - 7:30 P.M., January 10, with Ron and Jeanne Gerow, 4701 S. Wayne. Rose Jenkins, Janet Weicker, Don and Judi Passwater, Jerry and Sandy Zimmerman

Prayer, Share and Study Group - 7:30 P.M., January 17, Vincent and Connie Wells, 735 Poplar. Sara Davis, Edna Nordblom, Evelyn Yeoman,

THURSDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Prayer, Share and Study Group - 1:30 P.M., Thursday, January 18 in the Church Parlor. Marge Lehman, Gretchen Chamberlain, Hazel Firestone, Florence Palmer, Sadie Kattas.

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EMERGING SMALL GROUPS (continued from page 3)

THURSDAY EVENING GROUP

Bible Study or Book Study Group - 8:00 P.M., January 4 with Dean and Elsie Widler, 2124 Cheri Ct. Merle and Bea Rice, Barbara Schrock

FRIDAY MORNING GROUP

Prayer, Share and Study Group - 10:00 A.M. Friday, January 5 with Rosemary Krull, 3466 S. Washington Rd., Mary Anne Heiney, Andrea Benny, Deann Crist

SATURDAY MORNING GROUP

Men's Breakfast Group - 7:00 A.M. Saturday, January 20 in the church parlor. Ed Allen, Sr., William Love, Jim Ruble and Dean Widler

The three Monday evening groups and the Monday morning group have been meeting all fall. The other groups will meet for the first during January. They are especially open for new persons. At the first meeting the groups will help to determine direction, group or personal disciplines, purpose, resources and other basic questions. Helpful materials concerning group formation, group format, and available resources will be provided for these first sessions. THE IMPORTANT THING IS--YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN ONE OF THESE GROUPS. Either go at the time and place announced or call for further information at the church office, the host or hostess, or the first name listed.

KEY 73 SPECIAL TO BE SHOWN JANUARY 6

The television special, "Faith in Action" will be shown in the Fort Wayne area on January 6, 1973, at 7:30 P.M. on Channel 33. The program, a news-magazine style documentary, is designed to be viewed in the home and gives the family and/or small groups of persons an opportunity to talk and share their faith in an informal setting.

Nine persons are used on the film and included among them is a Disciple layman, Judge James Noe, from Seattle, Washington and Bob Mansfield, a draftsman from Fort Wayne.

Invite several couples into your home to view this program with you.

SUNDAY CLOSES OUR GIVING FOR THE 1972 CALENDAR YEAR

All giving received Sunday, December 31, will be countable for 1972 giving for tax purposes. Bring your offering Sunday or get it to the church office so that it is received by 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 2. We would encourage all to be current in giving for the Budget, our Centennial and Indiana special appeal giving, and for the Christmas special day gift.

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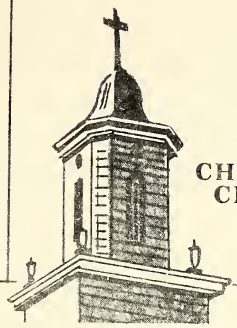

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

1:00 P.M. Friendly Class, Goldie Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave.
6:30 P.M. Progressive Class Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:00 P.M. All Church Caroling
7:00 P.M. LWM Afterglow

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00 A.M. Morning Study Group
6:15 P.M. Fellowship Guild Dinner and Meeting
7:30 P.M. Study Group #2 at the Don Shorts, 3714 S. Monroe
7:30 P.M. Wel-Kum-All Study Group, Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Hazel Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun
8:00 P.M. Montgomery Group, Judi Passwater, 1819 Crescent

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 P.M. Nelson Group Dinner Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DECEMBER 10

8:30 A.M. - Meditative Worship
11:00 A.M. - Divine Worship
Sermon: "Christ Alive In Me"
Galations 2:20; II Corinthians 5: 14-21
9:45 A.M. - Church School
5:00 P.M. - All of the church is invited to join the youth in Christmas Caroling
7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship
Lay Witness Mission
Afterglow

SERVING DECEMBER 10

Elders

8:30 A.M. John Merrill and Merle Rice

11:00 A.M. Hugh Rice and Rufus Quinn

7:00 P.M. Robert Rayl

Deacons

8:30 A.M. H. Banet, M. Crouse, D. Andrew, M. Grimm

11:00 A.M. R. Hendricks, R. Petty, D. Pomeroy, J. Hechler, R. Ogles. T. Frappier, Or. McDougle, E. Allen

Deaconesses

Norma Andrew and Genevieve Ripple

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T. Banet, J. Kirsch, R. Flickinger, G. Hunt, M. Terry

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, D. Allen, H. Stevenson, R. Clifton, G. Bozarth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPTIALS:

LUTHERAN: 784 Mr. Russell Wortley
471 Mrs. Edith Black (Aboite)
493 Mr. Jack Phillips
627 Mr. William Kerley
Mr. James Heavin has been dismissed.

PARKVIEW: 434 Mr. Chester Norton

ST. JOSEPH: 408 Mr. Orlie Conner
433 Mr. David Hogg
ICU Mrs. Emma Schell
823 Mrs. Cora Thomas

CHRISTIAN READING--BUY A BOOK!

Our book table will be available through next Sunday morning and evening along the south wall of Fellowship Hall. An attendant will be on hand between Church School and Divine Worship and during the Coffee Hour. Also in the evening before and after our Lay Witness Afterglow. Consignments are on hand from the Institute of Church Renewal, the Christian Board of Publication, and the American Bible Society. Reading can enable us to expand our Christian understanding and experience through the writing of others.

ADDITIONAL HOUSING HOSTING:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Ogles hosted Joe Ellis of the Standard Publishing Company who participated in our Lay Witness Mission as a step in the participation of the independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ in this movement.

PANTRY NEEDS

Peanut Butter
Empty Coffee Cans
We really had a drain on food last week--we had 18 referrals.
General stocking of all food items is needed.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

This year our CYF and Chi Rho groups are inviting any who would like to go Christmas Caroling with them. We will go next Sunday evening, leaving the Church promptly at 5:00 P.M. We will visit as many shut ins and others as possible, returning here by 7:00 in time for a very informal Celebration Worship service. There will be hot chocolate, coffee, and donuts to warm us as we return. The group plans to travel by bus and/or car. Will you join us for fun, fellowship, and the pure joy of sharing Christmas with others?

WILL YOU SHARE A LOAF OF BREAD?

Again this year the Martin Luther King Self Help Center has asked us to help them provide food for those who pay a nominal fee and receive their Christmas groceries, and in this manner do not feel the humiliation of receiving total charity. We have been asked to provide 200 loaves of bread. Each of the next two Sundays there will be cans on the window outside the Church office, the one across from the Chapel, in the Narthex, and on the coffee table at the coffee hour for you to deposit any gift of money to help purchase this bread. The committee, headed by Tom Frappier, has felt that it would be easier for us to contribute money and the committee to purchase the bread, thus being able to get a price on the bread and to get it fresh that day.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Again this year, our Church School classes will be decorating a Christmas tree with socks and mittens for our Cleveland Christian Home. Anyone desiring to contribute a pair of sox or mittens is asked to bring them one of the next two Sundays and place them on the tree in Fellowship Hall. Children's Classes will use this as a special Christmas project and it is suggested that we insure a variety of sizes by asking children to bring sox or mittens in the size they themselves wear.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

Again this year the World Outreach Committee, with Helen Clymore as chairman, is sponsoring a Christmas Card Tree within our Church Family. It is suggested that each family bring one signed Christmas Card to the Church, along with a gift of money they have saved by doing this instead of sending individual cards to friends in the church. These cards will all be hung on the tree in the Narthex for all to see, and the names of those sending the cards will be listed in TIDINGS, that all may know that you have, indeed, sent them a greeting. Proceeds from this plan will be divided equally between the Cleveland Children's Home and the Emily Flinn Home in Marion.

"SOMETHING HAPPENED" - LAY WITNESS MISSION

The richness of our in-church retreat led by 46 guests is now history. Various exclamations express some of the mood. "Contagious love and joy was among us." "A seed was planted, the fullness cannot yet be evaluated." "It began for me when I prayed in the Chapel during the Chain of Prayer." "My cup is full and running over." "I have never felt so full and so drained at the same time." "It was not all so terribly dramatic." "I have tried it my way and I have failed...I have turned it back over to God." "You've got to love people, and let them love you." "I may have looked like I was breaking down, but I was really breaking up inside." "I felt hands on me, and it felt like God was touching me." "I felt so full and so loved." "Today, I walked away with a negative attitude. I came tonight to understand...I never really knew you...You had your hearts in it." "I have felt tonight as much of God's Spirit speaking through you as I felt in any of those who came from elsewhere." "I found a new Christ; I thought I knew him but never like this."

Thanks for all who worked to make this weekend. Thanks for the large participation--375 Friday evening; 450 in Coffees and Coke parties; near 300 in luncheons; 250 Saturday night; 509 in Sunday Morning Worships; 268 in Church School; 260 in Sunday noon luncheon; and 146 on Sunday evening. Above all, Praise God for his working! Thanks to those who came among us as guests.

As we move on, may we invite your continuation in these special ways beyond the personal experiences and changes:

1. Feel free to write any comments, experiences, or evaluations to be shared on our bulletin board. These may be signed or anonymous. Share from any letters received from others so a bit may be typed and put on the bulletin board. Mail to church, drop in offering plate, leave in Pastor's slot in hall, or hand to Pastor.
2. If you are interested in continuing groups, sign one of the forms which will be mailed this week and will be a bulletin insert for each of the next two Sundays.
3. If you wish to participate on a Lay Witness team in another church, contact the Pastor. We will be offering training experiences for our people to share with others.

Praise God for what fire has started. "Love is something if you give it away." "That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; You spread his love to everyone; You want to pass it on."

God loves you and I love you!

Harold E. Cline

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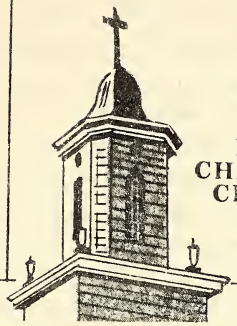

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
8:00 P.M. Chi Rho Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Christmas Carol Family Night
7:30 P.M. O.M.S. Class Party, Don Shorts, 3714 S. Monroe

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
7:30 P.M. LWM Follow Thru Committee

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
7:30 P.M. CWF Special Christmas Meeting and Program

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehersal
7:30 P.M. Property Committee

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

11:00 P.M., December 24

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

7:00 P.M., December 31

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DECEMBER 17

In spite of ice and cold, 398 shared in our worships last Sunday to praise God. Join us for worship at 8:30 or 11:00 A.M. centering in communion or the communion closing in the evening after 7:00 during our Christmas Carol Family Night.

5:30 P.M. - Light pitch-in Supper and special Christmas Program climaxed with Birthday celebration and the Eucharist. Program involving children.

SERVING DECEMBER 17

Elders

8:30 A.M. Ralph Church and Eugene Klepfer

11:00 A.M. Bert Leversee and Andrew Cook

7:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:30 A.M. W. Bowen, R. Cole, R. Gerow, W. Gumpp

11:00 A.M. C. Hetrick, A.E. Huddleston, R. Johnson, W. Koehlinger, V. Moore, T. Ogles, R. Russell

Deaconesses

Norma Andrew and Genevieve Ripple

Ushers

8:30 A.M. G. Bruckman, T. Banet, J. Kirsch, R. Flickinger, G. Hunt, M. Terry

11:00 A.M. M. Heller, A. Cook, D. Allen, H. Stevenson, R. Clifton, G. Bozarth, A. Smith

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: ICU Mr. Orlie Conner
562-1 Mrs. Emma Schell
823 Mrs. Cora Thomas

Lutheran: 672 Mr. Willis Van-Alstine
M-211 Mr. Russ Wortley

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED.....

To Mrs. Delores Overmeyer and family in the death of her brother, James Badders, this past weekend.

To Jerry Zimmerman and family in the death of his grandfather in Akron, Ohio, on Saturday.

FAREWELL TO HENDRICKS LOVES:

This family was recognized Sunday prior to their move to:
6732 27th Place East
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74129
We wish them God's blessing in their new location.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

CLINT THOMAS CROWE, 4727 Innsbruck, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Crowe, made his confession of faith and was baptized into Christ during Divine Worship on Sunday. Clint is a fifth grader at Harris School and plays the trumpet and the piano. He also likes to play football. We welcome the commitment of Clint to Christ and pray for relationship and growth in him.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO CHURCH FAMILY ON CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

Ethel Allen
Harold & Ruby Cline & Family
William & Myrtle DeVinney
Ray, Sharon & Diane Fredericks
Earl & Reba Fusselman
Clarence & Blanche Hetrick
Carl, Arlene, Laura, Karen, Janice, & Brenda Lazzaro
Carl & Mildred Linn
John & Connie Merrill
Dorothy Merriman
Lona Miller
Vern & Gladys Moore
Hugh & Gwynth Rice
Homer & Hortense Stevenson
Elna Taylor
Jack & Janet Weicker & Family
Troy & Evelyn Yeoman

ADDRESSES OF FORMER SENIOR PASTORS:

Rev. and Mrs. Franklin McGuire
702 Portland Drive
Lexington, Kentucky, 40503

Rev. and Mrs. George E. Wascovich
3040 Silva Pine Trail
Atlanta, Georgia, 30330

Rev. and Mrs. Barton Johnson
3908 Lori Drive, Apt. C-7
Erlanger, Kentucky, 41018

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FROM CHURCH BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 1972

A motion stemming from the Evangelism Committee was made by Ron Gerow that we proceed with the Noon Call to Prayer and the Covenant Sunday of Key 73. The interpretive bulletin inserts are being used throughout December. This was approved. A sub-committee is going to give special impetus for Key 73 planning.

A motion of appreciation was passed unanimously to recognize the leadership and service given the church by Hendricks and Mary Love, who are moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The treasurer's report was filed. Even though our giving is slightly more than last year, we have a deep concern for budget income.

Budgeted Needs for July-November	$40,023.06
Actual Giving for July-November	32,829.37
	7,193.69

This shortage in giving has caused us to try to limit spending wherever possible. Thus we are far short in outreach. Spending has only exceeded income by $1,163.84 since July 1, yet our total Budget deficit is $2,201.77. These facts point the need for generous and extra giving during December as we come to the close of 1972. We recognixe that some are giving to full potential. We need every dollar--ten dollars--hundred dollars--or thousand dollars which can be given for the glory of Christ this month.

Harold Crowder reported on special Christmas worship opportunities and decorations. The Advent Wreath was made and hung by Floyd Morrical, Harold Crowder, Jerry Zimmerman, and George Bruckman. The trees and roping were placed by Virgil Montgomery, Earl Fusselman, Harold Crowder, and Rolland Ripple. Special Christmas decorations are being cared for as follows: Parlor Mantel - William Caldwells; Parlor Coffee Table - Stacey Ogles; Chapel - Tom Frappiers; Hall Window outside Chapel - Jim Rubles and James Heineys; Basement Stair Window - Marge Lehman; Narthex North - Max Finkhousens; Narthex Center - Gertrude Heavin; Narthex South Margaret Jenkins; Classrooms - teachers and pupils involved. Mrs. Ruth Ogles enlisted these special decorations.

Written comments were made on the Lay Witness Mission. Chairman Hugh D. Rice wrote: "Though I had read the introductory material, I still did not know the depth of challenge that lay in store. I was deeply impressed by the dedication of those with whom I was closely associated. The program brought much meaning to most people who have talked with me concerning what it held for them. I feel it will be a source from which we will continue to draw strength. The whole value is in the road ahead as we give way in our lives it it."

CHRISTMAS CAROL FAMILY NIGHT

A light pitch-in supper will be shared in our Fellowship Hall at 5:30 P.M. next Sunday evening. Bring sandwiches, salads, or desserts and table service.

This night of December 17th, is for Christmas fun and fellowship for all our members and friends. There is a strong accent on our children who will share in the carol singing. The Junior Choir will sing. Fun and festivities are included.

Dr. Cline will lead a closing worship including a birthday-celebration and communion since this evening includes our Celebration Worship.

To focus Christmas sharing for others, all have been asked to bring either Toys for Tots or Food for our Pantry.

CHI RHO CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chi Rho Fellowship will have a Christmas party at the home of the sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor, 5215 Werling Drive from 8:00 - 11:00 P.M. this Friday, December 15. We will have a taffy pull and there will be a 2¢ gift exchange, so please bring a 2¢ gift, boys buying for boys, girls for girls.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Already our tree in Fellowship Hall has begun to sprout sox and mittens! These will be sent to the Cleveland Children's Home for Christmas. It is suggested that boys and girls in our Church School bring sox or mittens in their own size, thus insuring a variety of sizes. --- Youth and adults are also invited to join in and bring sox and mitten for this tree. Bring your items on Sunday.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

You are invited to send or bring one Christmas card to the church for all your church friends instead of sending individual cards. Included in the card should be a gift of money saved from card purchase and postage. These cards will be hung on the tree in the Narthex for all to see and the names of the senders will be listed in TIDINGS so that all may know that you have indeed sent them a card. The money will be equally divided between the Emily Flinn Home at Marion and the Cleveland Children's Home as an over and above gift at Christmas time. Notice greetings already received listed on page 2.

BREAD FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER

There are cans on the window sills and in the Narthex for you to place your gift in them to purchase 200 loaves of bread for the Martin Luther King Center. This is a project in which First Christian Church has participated for several years, giving a variety of items. At the Martin Luther King Center, needy persons are invited to secure their holiday groceries. They pay a small fee ($3.00) which goes toward the purchase of their meat and receive their needed groceries. In this way, they have not suffered the humiliation of receiving complete charity. Please place your gift of money in the cans or send it to the church by next Sunday, marking it "Martin Luther King Center."

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
8:00 P.M. CYF Party, Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
8:30 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
6:30 P.M. College and Career Holiday Dinner, Hall's Gas House
7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Choir Holiday Open House, Don Parlettes', 4006 Tacoma, (Choir Rehersal there)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

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* PANTRY NEEDS *
* canned stew *
* canned spam *
*empty 1 lb. coffee cans *
*empty small jelly jars *
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WORSHIPS MARK BIRTH OF CHRIST
December 24, 1972

8:30 A.M. - Meditative Worship
Sermon: "Glorifying and Praising God"
Communion - Quiet Worship

11:00 A.M. - Divine Worship
Our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Youth Choir will lead this musical service. Communion, Sermonette, Wreath lighting, and offering are intwined in the hour.

11:00 P.M. - Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship - Chancel and Youth Choirs - College and Career Youth - Candlelighting Climax. Communion will be available in the Chapel preceding and after this service for those absent in the morning hours since there is no 7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship.

SERVING DECEMBER 24

Elders

8:30 A.M. Glenn Miller and Cecil Rice

11:00 A.M. William Schilling and Harold Crowder

Deacons

8:30 A.M. S. Cole, P Yentes, A. Mowery, E. O'Laughlin

11:00 A.M. L. Timbrook, M. Finkhousen, L. Johns, H. Banet, M. Crouse, D. Andrew, M, Grimm, R. Henricks

Deaconesses

Judy Church and Margaret Love

Ushers

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Lutheran; 789 Mrs. Fern Rittel
671 Mr. Willis VanAlstine
M-211 Mr. Russ Wortley

DEATH OF MEMBER:

Mrs. Hazel Bundy, a member, died last Wednesday in the Masonic Home at Franklin, Indiana. She had entered the Home three years ago, and her husband died there two years ago.

THANKS:

Thanks to Sara Davis, Natalie Urich, and Jerry Zimmerman who planned and worked on our program last Sunday evening. Fellowship, fun, and warm love seemed to be present.

OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed on Christmas Day and Tuesday morning, the 26th.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM:

Don and Barbara Short
Robert and Maude Donohue
Mrs. Maurice Cook
Mary Wagner
The Ron Flickinger Family
Irene Cline
Alpha Piercy
Paul and Grace Truby
Virgil and Bernice Montgomery
L.A. and Pauline Horn
Kenneth and Ruby Edwards
Henry and Ethel Flowers
Floyd and Jennie Morrical
Edna Vaught
James and Esther Goins
Dorothy Ikenberry
The James Ruble Family
The Albert Egly Family
The Michael Terry Family
The Merle Grimm Family
Andy Cook
Roxy Wunderlich
Paul and Fern Kenline
Robert and Esther Clipp
Mrs. Iva Imbody
Harold and Colyn Crowder
Ralph and Jessie Keller
The William Franklin Family
Dean and Elsie Widler
Janie and Steve Taulbee
The Clair Buskirk Family
Rufus and Margerite Quinn
The Ted Bryan Family
Jack and Judy Boyd
The Tom Frappier Family
The Ralph Church Family
The Mark Krull Family
Vaughn and Marvel Brickley
The Charles Ludwig Family
Glenn and Lola Miller
Walter and Ethel Birkhold
The Merle Rice Family
The George Bruckman Family
The William Benny Family
The Ben Taylor Family

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The Christmas Story is the account of God giving his Son to the world out of his love. Giving is expressed in many ways in the Christmas Season. Much giving needs to be through the life of the church for its enabling work for Christ in several ways:

1. CHURCH BUDGET GIVING: Because of giving shortages, our church needs every available dollar to undergird its current life, program and outreach. We believe that our church is worothy of the support of every member and friend. Our basic budget is the financial lifeline of our church. It needs both regular and special giving consideration.

2. CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL GIVING: This is giving to pay borrowed money for $18,000 of building improvements during our Centennial year, $15,000 which we gave to complete a room at our Flinn Home for aged in Marion, and $27,000 for capital outreach projects of our Indiana churches. Giving must be marked for this special over-and-above covering three years. We anticipate going over $30,000 at the end of the first year!

3. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR OUTREACH: Special envelopes and the total Church School offering is put together for others through world outreach. Be giving in this special Christmas offering you become a part of the following ministries:

The Division of Social and Health Services of the Christian Church which cares for our National Benevelent Home Centers for children and youth and 12 Home Centers for aging, plus doing work enabling these and other ministries through research and planning, management service, and service to congregations.

The Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church - This section of the United Christian Missionary Society administers home mission witness at All People's Christian Center-Los Angeles, Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky, Inman Christian Center in Texas, and Yakima Indian Christian Mission plus giving program guidance for our congregations in Education, Fellowships, Evangelism, Membership, Worship and Community Service.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
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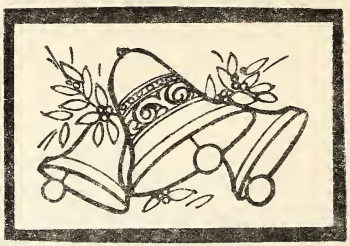
Miriam Bixenman
Ed Allen, Jr.
The Bob Beachley Family
The Fred Jenkins Family
Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Breedon
The Jim Heiney Family
Ina G. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. John Broom
The David Griggs Family
The Charles Newman Family
The Mel Evans Family
Terry and Mary King
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smelser
The Ron Aker Family
The Fred Richardson Family
The Ron Gerow Family

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP:

I look forward to Christmas Eve Sunday Worships. Each service will be different and I thrill at plans. The Meditative Worship will be the only preaching service. Our Choirs will be leading our Divine Worship in the main. The Choir will lead a segment of our Christmas Eve Worship. These College and Career youth--Ed Allen Jr., Bruce Lehman, Becky Buskirk, Jim Taylor, Debbie Allen, Barbara Love, Mary Jenkins, Marlene Crouse and others will be leading in the service. I get goose-bumps when I ponder the closing Candlelighting dramatization of Christ's birth. See you Sunday! Come, and bring guests and friends!

Harold E. Cline

OUR STAFF GREETINGS



We sense a joy and fulfillment in seeking to facilitate the experience and expression of the love of Christ through our daily work on the church staff. This ministry was born at Christmas time with the coming of the Christ Child. We salute you in love and our warm greetings as we celebrate the birth of Christ and the entrance into a new year.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Barbara Short
Edna Vaught
Alice McEntery
Miriam Bixenman
Edwin R. Allen Jr.
Harold E. Cline